

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
January 11, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scribner called the virtual meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Yazmin Bahena, Riley Clubb, Myron Huie, Ted Koehler, Steve Moss, Susan Nakonieczny, and Mayor Tom Scribner.

Absent: None

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, Deputy City Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Human Resources Director Pam Taylor, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Environmental Engineer Leah Rohan, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

Also present: Ian Sutton, Parametrix and William SaintAmour, Cobalt Community Research.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Results of landfill versus transfer station alternative analysis.

Staff reviewed the results of the study to determine whether the City should continue to operate a landfill or convert to a transfer/long haul approach. The study evaluated costs and greenhouse gas emissions. The study determined continued operation of the landfill is more beneficial based on costs and the transfer/long haul approach is more advantageous based on greenhouse gas emissions. The recommendation is to continue to operate the landfill.

There was discussion on:

- Landfill capacity is several hundred years.
- Number of contracts that will have to be negotiated if City moves to transfer/long haul operation.
- Measuring social cost of carbon emissions and having the Sustainability Committee review study results.
- Landfill gas to energy facilities.

B. Overview of 2020 Citizen Satisfaction Survey results.

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Mr. SaintAmour, Cobalt Community Research, provided an overview of the results of the 2020 citizen satisfaction survey. There was brief discussion on the timing of the survey, police services, and obtaining a copy of the full survey results.

C. Extension of emergency pandemic sick leave.

Staff reviewed the provisions and staff use of the emergency pandemic sick leave (EPSL). Unless Council objects, staff plans to extend this benefit to employees through June 30, 2021 or the end of the pandemic, whichever comes first. Council expressed support for this extension.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.