

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
March 22, 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, Development Services Director Preston Frederickson, Senior Planner Jon Maland, Planner Melissa Shumake, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. "Annexation 101" - an annexation process overview.

Staff provided an in-depth review of how annexation petitions are initiated and processed, including the staff review and considerations given to boundaries.

There was discussion on:

- Population projections and how these projections are used for calculating property in the Urban Growth Area.
- County land use and development standards versus City development standards.
- Economic impacts of annexations.
- Cost of providing services versus revenue in annexed areas.
- Challenge of extending City utilities to some areas of the Urban Growth Area.
- Notification process to surrounding property owners.
- Importance of keeping property development affordable to combat the current housing crisis.
- Identifying ways the City can incentivize development in the areas it wants to see developed.
- Keeping the public informed on where annexation petitions are in the timeline and means of notifying the public.

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3. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.