

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
May 10, 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, Transportation Engineer Monte Puymon, Neighborhood Engagement Coordinator Zidane Galant-LaPorte, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Neighborhood Engagement Program update.

Staff provided an overview of the neighborhood engagement program and challenges during the pandemic. There was discussion on the program and importance of engaging neighborhoods and citizens. It was suggested that candidates running for City Council be allowed to meet and greet residents at neighborhood block parties.

B. Converting half a block of Colville Street from parallel to angled parking.

Staff explained the issue with illegal parallel parking occurring on Colville Street between Poplar and Alder. Staff is proposing that this area be changed to angled parking to eliminate the illegal parking situation currently occurring around the National Guard building.

There was discussion on:

- Potential impacts to area businesses.
- There is not sufficient right-of-way to install pedestrian bulb outs on Poplar Street. There will be bulb outs installed on Colville. There is planned a rapid flashing beacon for pedestrians installed at this intersection on Poplar Street.

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- This project is a part of the Poplar Street corridor project scheduled to begin construction in 2022. This portion of the project will be funded by the City as it is not eligible for grant funding.
- This change will result in at least two additional legal parking spaces in this block.

C. Interlocal agreement for solid waste planning.

Staff explained the requirement for a solid waste management plan. The City is in the unique position of owning and operating a landfill. Usually this is the responsibility of counties. This interlocal agreement is proposed to split the costs, based on population, for preparation of a solid waste management plan at a total not to exceed cost of \$128,000. There were comments on the review of this proposal by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.