

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
October 25, 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, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

Also in attendance: Chris Gonzales and John Ghilarducci, FCS Group.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Water/Wastewater/Stormwater financial plan presentation.

Staff and Mr. Gonzales reviewed and there was discussion on:

- Establishment of infrastructure repair and replacement program in 2015 and utility rates necessary to fund this program.
- Overview of the rate study methodology.
- Key assumptions.
- Water capital needs.
- Water financial plan scenarios and cost of service.
- Mill Creek Glen cost of service and ensuring City of Walla Walla ratepayers are not subsidizing water service to the area.
- No revenue increases are needed for stormwater. The receipt of grants has helped stabilize this fund.
- Wastewater rates are projected to increase two percent annually.
- A change in customer classes will be proposed.
- Allocation of 2027 wastewater revenue required to fully fund the cost of service.
- Capital facilities charges and ways to incentivize for denser development and affordable housing.

Council asked for a simplified chart of the proposed rates and options focusing on the residential rate classifications. Staff reported the

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recommendations will be presented to Council at the November 15 Work Session with consideration of the rate ordinance at the December 1 regular meeting.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.