

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
November 29, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scribner called the 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, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Planner Lisa Wasson-Seilo, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

Also present virtually: Rich Darland, Robert Phipps, and Alicia Brazington from PBS Engineering and Environmental.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. 1st Avenue Plaza conceptual design presentation.

Staff reported the closure of 1st Avenue between Main Street and Alder Street was in response to the pandemic and desire for increased outdoor space. The public really enjoys this additional outdoor space downtown so the City is looking to make it a more permanent plaza area. PBS Environmental and Engineering was awarded the contract to design this plaza with input from stakeholders.

Rich Darland, PBS Engineering and Environmental, reviewed the proposed plaza area, work to date, goals and objectives, components of the conceptual design including the addition of cultural components from the local tribes.

There was discussion on the historical significance of the plaza area, inclusion of cultural elements, blocking traffic from entering the plaza, potential confusion in using the Native American Walawala Plaza meaning "place of many small waters", importance of a storyboard to explain the cultural components of the plaza, inclusion of local art, being

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mindful of the surface for wheelchairs and strollers, and use of native tree and plant species.

The conceptual design will be brought back to Council for approval on December 15, 2021.

- B. Review of proposed amendments to Walla Walla Municipal Code Titles 19 (Subdivisions) and Title 20 (Zoning).

Staff reported the proposed amendments to the Code have been through the public process and reviewed the amendments with Council. There was discussion on changing the acceptance of annexation applications to once per year and the provisions regarding development agreements.

It was the consensus of Council to put this on the December 13 Work Session for further review.

- C. Revisions to Walla Walla Municipal Code Chapters 13.03, 13.04, and 13.30 relating to water and wastewater utilities.

Staff reviewed the proposed amendments to the water and wastewater chapters in the codes to correspond with the rate increases reviewed and being brought to Council on December 1 for adoption.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.