

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scribner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Brian Casey, Ted Koehler, Steve Moss, Susan Nakonieczny, Gustavo Reyna, and Mayor Tom Scribner.

Absent: Councilmember Rick Eskil.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Parks & Recreation Director Andy Coleman, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Human Resources Director Pam Taylor, Accounting Supervisor Liz Moeller, Arborist Kyle Clemens, Support Services Administrative Coordinator Rikki Gwinn, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Mayor Scribner read and presented a proclamation declaring April 28, 2022, as "Holocaust Remembrance Day" to Dr. Pat Henry.
- B. Mayor Scribner read and presented a proclamation declaring April 28, 2022, as "Arbor Day" to Parks & Recreation Director Coleman.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following residents expressed concerns with the proposed layout of the expansion of the Mill Creek Sportsplex and the potential for increased traffic on Garrison Street and Garden Drive:

- Brad Riordan
- Ruth Riordan
- Flynn Espe
- Anna Espe

The following residents asked Council to rezone manufactured/mobile home parks:

- Ruth Ann Broman
- Dorothy Knudson

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RL McFarland asked if amendments to the shoreline management permit process were going to be considered under new and unfinished business. Mayor Scribner responded this issue will be on a future Council agenda as an agenda item.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Staff introduced the Consent Agenda, Items A through D, as follows:

- A. Resolution No. 2022-61 supports the Blue Zones Project Walla Walla Valley by promoting healthy environments for the community and city employees.
- B. Resolution No. 2022-62 awarding the bid for the Mill Creek air-vac vault relocation and Wickersham valve removal project to Apollo, Inc. in the amount of \$111,688.92.
- C. Ordinance No. 2022-12 amending the 2021-2022 maintenance and operations biennium budget; and Ordinance No. 2022-13 establishing new projects and amending the capital improvement project budget.
- D. Approval of minutes of the April 11 Work Session and the April 13 Council meeting.

Mayor Scribner invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on any of these items.

There was a brief report on Item B.

Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through D. Councilmember Casey seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2022-63 accepting a \$300,000 complete streets grant award from the Transportation Improvement Board for the completion of sidewalk and other pedestrian enhancements around Pioneer Park.

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Staff reported that the Washington State Department of Transportation had nominated the City and presented Council with a “Complete Streets” award. This grant will pay for half the cost of the pedestrian improvements and other pedestrian enhancements around Pioneer Park.

Mayor Scribner invited public input. No one chose to address the City Council on this issue.

Council commended staff for the award and success in obtaining grant funds.

Council raised the issue of speeding traffic on Division Street and suggested that a four-way stop be installed at Division and Whitman Streets.

Councilmember Koehler moved to adopt Resolution No. 2022-63. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Resolution No. 2022-64 accepting the proposed mural by Lincoln High School students to be installed on the golf cart sheds at Veteran’s Memorial Golf Course.

Staff reviewed the proposal to paint murals on the golf cart sheds at the golf course by Lincoln High School students. The students understand that the cart sheds are due to be replaced so the mural may only last a couple of years.

Mayor Scribner invited public input. No one chose to address the City Council on this issue.

Council commended the students and ArtWalla for providing the funding. The golf course operator had asked that the cart sheds area be cleaned up so this is a good opportunity to address two requests.

Councilmember Reyna moved to adopt Resolution No. 2022-64. Councilmember Nakonieczny seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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C. Resolution No. 2022-65 authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding regarding allocation of opioid settlement funds.

Staff reported there is a proposed national settlement with the opioid producers. Washington State is one of two states that are not participating in the national settlement. By signing the Memorandum of Understanding, the City may get part of the proposed settlement. If it is not signed, then the City will not receive any of the settlement funds. This will not cost the City anything to sign on. The more agencies that sign on, the more likelihood of a settlement.

Mayor Scribner invited public input. No one chose to address the City Council on this issue.

There were comments in support of the City signing the agreement.

Councilmember Casey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2022-65. Councilmember Nakonieczny seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at a meeting with representatives of the manufactured home park association; represented the City at the Long Tent opening ceremony at Whitman College; the ad hoc affordable housing task force meeting; the agenda setting meeting; the Civil Service Commission meeting; the Rotary Club presentation by City Manager Shawa on the State of the City; the Valley Transit Board meeting; a meeting with the State Auditors; the retirement party for Police Chief Bieber; and the Work Session.

Councilmember Casey reported attendance at the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee meeting; the Good Roads Committee meeting; and the Work Session.

Councilmember Reyna reported attendance at the Emergency Management Board meeting; the ad hoc affordable housing task force meeting; the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting; the Blue Mountain Action Council Board meeting; and the Work Session.

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Councilmember Nakonieczny reported attendance at the Fort Walla Walla Museum Board meeting; the Good Roads Committee meeting; the Valley Transit Board meeting; and the Work Session.

Councilmember Koehler reported attendance at the ad hoc affordable housing task force meeting and the Work Session.

Mayor Scribner reported attendance at a meeting with representatives of the manufactured home park association; the Public Library Board meeting; the Helpline Soup fundraiser; the agenda setting meeting; and the Work Session.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

There was no unfinished or new business.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Scribner announced the City Council would be recessing to Executive Session to discuss the strategy or position to be taken by the City Council in the course of collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings and to review proposals made in negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), and to discuss litigation and potential litigation, in which the City is a party or is likely to become a party, with legal counsel representing the City pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The Executive Session will last no more than one hour, and no further business will be conducted in open session.

The meeting was recessed at 8:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.