

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**July 27, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

Absent: None.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain, Human Resources Director Pam Taylor, Police Chief Chris Buttice, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Crime Prevention Coordinator Vicki Ruley, City Engineer Neal Chavre, and Deputy City Clerk Jodi Stephens.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Scribner read and presented a proclamation declaring August 2, 2022, as "National Night Out" to Crime Prevention Coordinator Vicky Ruley.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following urged Council to either enforce existing firework regulations or enact a ban:

- Paula Nichols
- Susie Hamburg Davis

The following 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
- Flynn Espe
- Anna Salas

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**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Resolution No. 2022-91 rejecting bid for Wastewater Treatment Plant digester roof repair project.
- B. Resolution No. 2022-92 accepting the 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grant.
- C. Approval of the July 11 Work Session and July 13, 2022, regular meeting minutes.

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

**Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through C. Councilmember Nakonieczny seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**6. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. Resolution No. 2022-93 approving participation in the Main Street Tax Credit Incentive program in an amount not to exceed \$102,833.33 with the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation.

Staff reported on the use of the Main Street Tax Credit Incentive program to provide additional services through the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation using utility taxes. This is a one-year program that will enhance services provided by the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation.

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

Council commended staff on investing in downtown Walla Walla.

**Councilmember Reyna moved to adopt Resolution No. 2022-93. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

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- B. Public hearing and first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-18 granting a franchise to install fiber cable in the City's right of way to Ziplly Fiber Pacific LLC.

Staff reported this is first reading of the franchise agreement with Ziplly Fiber Pacific LLC for the installation of broadband fiber within City right-of-way. Second reading of the Ordinance is scheduled for August 10, 2022.

Mayor Scribner declared the public hearing open. There being no public testimony, the hearing was closed.

There was discussion regarding any grants that may be available, Internet speed, and impact if other companies come to serve the area.

No action was taken other than the first reading of the ordinance.

- C. Resolution 2022-94 authorizing a contract with Strategic Government Resources for recruitment services for the City Manager position.

Staff provided an overview on the process for selection of a firm to recruit applicants for the City Manager position. There were five firms interviewed by the Council subcommittee and staff. Strategic Government Resources is the recommended company. Estimated cost for this contract is \$30,000 to \$40,000.

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

There was discussion on the timeline, citizen input, and experience of contractor in managing the successful recruitment of City Manager candidates.

**Councilmember Reyna moved to adopt Resolution No. 2022-94. Councilmember Casey seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6 yes votes and 1 no vote by Councilmember Koehler.**

### 7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at a meeting of the ad hoc City Manager recruitment committee; the ad hoc housing task force

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meeting; the agenda setting meeting; the Civil Service Commission meeting; a meeting with Police Chief Buttice; the Valley Transit Board meeting; the Finance Committee meeting; and the Work Session.

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

Councilmember Reyna reported attendance at the ad hoc housing task force meeting; the Emergency Management Board meeting; a meeting of the ad hoc City Manager recruitment committee; and the Work Session.

Councilmember Nakonieczny reported attendance at the block party held at Menlo Park; a meeting with Police Chief Buttice; a walk-about with the Police Department; the Commitment to Community meeting; the Valley Transit Board meeting; and the Work Session.

Councilmember Eskil reported attendance at the Humane Society Board meeting; a meeting with Police Chief Buttice; the Visit Walla Walla Board meeting; the Valley Transit board meeting; and the Work Session.

Councilmember Koehler reported attendance at the ad hoc housing task force meeting; a meeting with mobile home park residents; the Finance Committee meeting; and the Work Session.

Mayor Scribner reported attendance at a meeting of the ad hoc City Manager recruitment committee; the Public Library Board meeting; a meeting with former Councilmember Jerry Cummins; the Jim Bock radio show; the Department of Ecology Mill Creek meeting; the Finance Committee meeting; a meeting regarding the Carnegie Library property; the agenda setting meeting; and the Work Session.

**8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Nakonieczny suggested reinstating the Bridging the Gap program.

**9. MEETING ENDS**

**There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.**