

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
October 10, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scribner called the meeting to order at 4:00 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: Deputy City Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Development Services Director Preston Frederickson, City Engineer Neal Chavre, and City Clerk Lisa Neissl.

Also Present: Kendra Breiland of Fehr & Peers

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Comprehensive Plan/GMA Overview (Part 2)

Staff provided an overview of the policies and procedures related to planning for growth in the city.

The highlights were:

- Annexations
- How annexed areas are developed
- Urban Growth Areas
- Walla Walla Countywide Planning policies
- Comprehensive Plan 2040

Mayor Scribner directed that any questions or comments be sent by email to Elizabeth and/or Preston for discussion at part three during a future meeting.

B. Overview of Transportation Impact Fees

Staff reported on the potential of using impact fees to assist with mitigating the impacts of development on city infrastructure.

There was discussion on:

- Types of impact fees
- Eligible projects for funding
- Administration costs
- Existing deficiencies
- Cost allocation methodology/rates
- Other cities rates

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- Challenges from developers
- Eligibility for additional grant funding
- City wide rate vs. Improvement district rate
- Costs to establish the program

C. Discussion on Resident Satisfaction Survey Questions

Staff presented the questions proposed for the survey and requested input from council regarding additional questions for this year's survey.

There was discussion on:

- Drafting of questions
- Core questions vs. specific questions
- Roundabouts / driving safety
- Survey mechanism to ensure full representation of all wards
- Communication methods

Mayor Scribner directed any additional question suggestions be sent to Elizabeth by Wednesday.

D. Indigenous Peoples' Day Resolution

Councilmember Reyna gave a presentation on his proposed Resolution designating October 12th as Indigenous peoples' Day in the City of Walla Walla.

There was discussion on:

- Creating a standardized process for introduction of resolutions proposed by councilmembers.
- Consistency in how to recognize opinions of people, specifically, resolutions or proclamations.
- Establishment of relationships with other organizations.
- Other cities who have established similar resolutions.
- Appropriate date for local celebration.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Council was reminded of the joint meeting with the County Commissioners on Monday, October 17th at 4:00 PM in the city council chambers.

4. MEETING ENDS

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 6:11 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk