

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL & WALLA WALLA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Work Session Minutes
October 17, 2022

Note: Due to technical difficulties, at 4:05 p.m. the meeting was move to the County Commissioner's Meeting Room.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kimball called the meeting to order at 4:21 p.m.

Present: City Councilmembers Brian Casey, Rick Eskil, Ted Koehler, Steve Moss, Susan Nakonieczny, Gustavo Reyna, and Mayor Tom Scribner.
County Commissioners Todd Kimball, Greg Tompkins, Jenny Mayberry

Absent: None

City staff in attendance: Deputy City Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain, Public Safety Comm. Manager Steve Ruley, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Deputy Chief Eric Woods, and City Clerk Lisa Neissl-Virtually.

Also present: Clerk of the Board Diane Harris, Emergency Management Director Liz Jesse

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Sleep Center (City)
 - a. Update on Expansion Project
 - b. Existing Contract with Dept. of Community Health (document recording fees funding) expires 12-31-22

Ms. Chamberlain reported on the expansion of the sleep center, including the project plan, timeline, and funding partnerships.

There was discussion on:

- Future of the center.
- Long-term funding plan.
- Service program availability at the center.
- Community Paramedic involvement.
- 24/7 vs. limited hours service.
- Mental Health services.
- Lack of available affordable housing.

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- B. 911 WESCOM/Emergency Operations Center Proposed Move (County)
 - a. Project status update, funding update

Mr. Tompkins reported on the plan for the move of the 911 WESCOM/Emergency Operations Center to a new location in the airport area. He spoke about the grant funding and provided a draft timeline.

There was discussion on:

- The new equipment
- 988 call center and how it interacts with 911 operations

- C. Fireworks (City/County)
 - a. Discuss perennial complaints

Ms. Chamberlain spoke about the annual complaints about fireworks each year, and the differences in regulation in the city and county.

There was discussion on:

- Enforcement practices
- Limitations of hours for sale and use

- D. Growth Management and Annexations (City)

Ms. Chamberlain gave a presentation on growth management, urban growth areas, and annexations.

There was discussion on:

- Inability to opt-out
- Urban growth areas
- Efficient, cost-effective services availability
- Update of county-wide planning policies
- City-County cooperation
- Affordable housing
- History of Walla Walla UGA

- E. Community Paramedic Program and Behavioral Health Study (City/County)
 - a. Program overview
 - b. Current funding sources/potential expanded coverage

Deputy Chief Eric Wood spoke about the Community Paramedic Program and the funding mechanism used to date and future potential grants, in addition to what tasks are managed by this program.

There was discussion on:

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- Staffing and administrative duties involved
- Service areas
- Expansion of program

F. Community Health Funding from the City of Walla Walla (County)

Commissioner Tompkins spoke about potential cooperation between the agencies for community health programs.

There was discussion on:

- Service areas
- History of a joint agency

G. Future Meeting Cadence (City/County)

There was discussion on:

- Usefulness of joint meetings
- Timeframe for future meetings
- Details of agreements being documented
- Number of topics per meeting limited to two
- Meetings quarterly beginning in January 2024
- Management of agenda topics

3. MEETING ENDS

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 6:20 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk