

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2023

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: Deputy City Manager Robert Francis, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Police Chief Buttice, Finance Accountant Liz Moeller, Deputy Public Works Director Mike Laughery, and City Clerk Lisa Neissl.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PRESENTATIONS – None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dorothy Knudson expressed concerns about infrastructure improvements when property is annexed into the city.

The following people expressed concerns about cell towers, specifically the one proposed for the church property on Sturm Street. Issues mentioned include environmental protections, fire danger, land use hearing not allowing consideration of health concerns, various definitions of the term “stealth”, timing of lease signing, lack of colocation information.

- Barbara Knudson
- Vickie McClellan
- Dave Gibson
- Mary Gibson

Adam Goldberg spoke about area news headlines and provided information about Constantine Anthony of Burbank.

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Mayor Scribner asked staff to follow up on the request for colocation information.

5. CONSENT AGENDA – None.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution 2023-046: Authorizes Submission of an Application to Renew the Crime Victim Service Center Grant for 2023-2025 to fund a full-time Advocate.

Staff reported on the submission of an application to renew a grant that funds our Crime Victim program that assists victims of crimes within the Walla Walla County other than sexual assault and domestic violence, such as assault, burglary, child and elder abuse, fraud, and many others. Details of the breakdown and how the funds will be spent were included.

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

There was discussion on:

- Sustainability of program with declining fund availability.
- Potential to have other agencies who benefit from the program contribute to the expense of the program.
- Details of how the victims are helped.
- The volume of need and numbers of those helped in the city as compared to the County and College Place.
- Need to have additional information in a future work session.
- Availability of interpretation for non-English speakers.

**Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-046
Councilmember Nakonieczny seconded the motion. The motion carried
unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.**

- B. Resolution 2023-047: Authorizing the continued Investment in Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) and updating the Signature Authority.

Staff reported on the need to update this resolution to authorize the new Deputy City Manager to perform necessary transactions.

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

Mayor Scribner provided some additional information on where the city holds its money and congratulated the Finance Department on their award from the Government Finance Officers Association for excellence in financial reporting.

**Councilmember Reyna moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-047
Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion carried
unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.**

C. Ordinance 2023-07: Adoption of an Updated City of Walla Walla's
Investment Policy.

Staff reported on the suggested updates proposed by consultant Government Portfolio Advisors who recently completed a thorough review of the City's Investment Policy as discussed at the work session. It was noted that there was one slight administrative change to page 3 of the document to update the words Comprehensive Annual Financial Report to Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

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

Mayor Scribner thanked Councilmember Moss for his thorough review of the document, and Councilmember Moss thanked staff for making the requested minor change.

**Councilmember Nakonieczny moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-07
Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion carried
unanimously with 7 yes and 0 no votes.**

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the following:

The work session, agenda setting, Valley Transit, Chiefs Advisory, Transportation Benefit District and the joint meeting with College Place.

Councilmember Casey reported attendance at the following:

The work session, Good Roads, and the joint meeting with College Place.

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Councilmember Reyna reported attendance at the following:

The work session, Blue Mountain Action Council, and the joint meeting with College Place.

Councilmember Nakonieczny reported attendance at the following:

The work session, and the joint meeting with College Place.

Councilmember Eskil reported attendance at the following:

The work session, Valley Transit, Blue Mountain Humane Society, Visit Walla Walla, LEOFF Board, and the joint meeting with College Place.

Councilmember Koehler reported attendance at the following:

The work session, and the joint meeting with College Place.

Mayor Scribner reported attendance at the following:

The work session, agenda setting, Library Board, LEOFF Board, a meeting with Fire Chiefs Yancey and Knowles, and the joint meeting with College Place.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Scribner brought attention to the new art that has been installed on the walls of the council chambers and noted there would be a reception for the artists on Friday, May 5th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers.

Mayor Scribner announced that four council terms are up the end of this year and noted which ones they were. He announced the filing period for running for those positions will be the week of Monday, May 15th to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19th.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Scribner announced the City Council would be recessing to executive session to discuss with legal counsel representing the City:

Subject:

RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal

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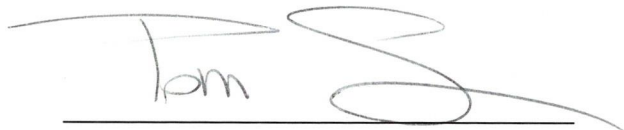
counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

The executive session will last no longer than one hour, and no further business will come before the Council in open session. The meeting recessed at 7:36 p.m.

10. MEETING ENDS

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Tom", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor,

Attest:


A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Lisa Neiss", written over a horizontal line.
City Clerk