

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**October 25, 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, Gustavo Reyna, and Mayor Tom Scribner.

Absent: Susan Nakonieczny.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain, Deputy City Manager Robert Francis, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Finance Director Liz Moeller, Fire Chief Knowles, Planner Jon Maland, and City Clerk Lisa Neissl.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. PRESENTATIONS – None.**

Public Comments Discussion –

Mayor Scribner presented a suggested statement to be made at the beginning of a meeting with respect to public comments either in person or via Zoom.

There was discussion on:

- Zoom attacks to other entities that include inappropriate, improper, offensive, and aggressive language and subject matter.
- The language of the statement.
- The authority of council to implement the policy.

**Councilmember Reyna moved to approve the language with grammatical corrections. Councilmember Koehler seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Barbara Knudson and Mary Gipson expressed their ongoing concerns with the possible installation of a wireless communications facility at the Blue

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Mountain Community Church property on Sturm Avenue, and the development of a regulating ordinance and project notice requirements.

Councilmembers expressed their opinions.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Resolution No. 2023-100 Adopting the City's Ambulance Charity Write-off Policy.
- B. Ordinance 2023-20 vacates the alley right-of-way adjacent to that portion of Fourteenth Avenue (Platted as Fourteenth Street) vacated by Ordinance A-1898 and adjacent to Lots 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 of Block 4 of Cass Addition to the City of Walla Walla.
- C. Resolution 2023-101: Adopts the 2024 State Legislative Priorities; and Resolution 2023-102: Adopts the 2024 Federal Legislative Priorities.
- D. Resolution 2023-103 authorizing City Manager to sign a one-year contract amendment with Visit Walla Walla (VWW) to receive 100% of the Tourism Promotion Area (TPA) fee as recommended by the Hotel-Motel Commission to provide tourism marketing services.
- E. Resolution No. 2023-104 - WESCOM Hair Remote Radio Site Completion Notice.
- F. Approves the minutes of the 10/11/2023 Regular Meeting.

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

Staff provided a brief overview of Item A. and The Mayor gave a personal opinion on Item D.

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

**6. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. Resolution 2023-105: Authorizes the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Fehr & Peers in the amount of \$142,030 to develop a traffic impact fee program.

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Staff reported on the need for a consultant to develop the traffic impact fee program.

Mayor Scribner invited public input.

R.L. McFarland asked if this would only impact small infill development.

Staff clarified that the impact fees would be for all new development.

There was discussion on:

- Study will be a city-wide look and not project specific.
- Need for data from the consultant prior to determining the details of the program.

**Councilmember Koehler moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-105  
Councilmember Reyna 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 the following:

The work session, two agenda setting meetings, Valley Transit board, and a tour of the Carnegie Building.

Councilmember Casey reported attendance at the following:

The work session, the Water/Wastewater Advisory Committee, and the Good Roads meeting.

Councilmember Reyna reported attendance at the following:

The work session, the Emergency Management board meeting, the Blue Mountain Action Council, and the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation meeting where an Award of Excellence was presented for the Walawála Plaza project.

Councilmember Eskil reported attendance at the following:

The work session, and the Carnegie Building ribbon cutting.

Councilmember Koehler reported attendance at the following:

The work session, the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, and volunteered for the Food Drive.

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Mayor Scribner reported attendance at the following:

The work session, two agenda setting meetings, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory committee, a meeting with Deputy City Manager Francis, and gave the welcome message to the Northwest Regional Conference of the Community Development Block Grant Coordinators.

He also noted that for November and December council meetings shift to the first and third Wednesday of each month.

In addition, he noted that the previously scheduled recycling discussion has been postponed to the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Chamberlain noted that there would be a special council work session on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm to meet with the 16<sup>th</sup> District Representatives to discuss our State legislative priorities.

**9. MEETING ENDS**

**There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7:20 p.m.**

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "bm" followed by a stylized flourish, positioned above a horizontal line.

Attest:

Mayor

  
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City Clerk