

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
January 23, 2023

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 (arrived at 4:03), and Mayor Tom Scribner.

Absent: None

City staff in attendance: Development Services Director Preston Frederickson, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Accounting Supervisor Liz Moeller, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Public Works Communications Coordinator Shane Prudente, and City Clerk Lisa Neissl.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. City of Walla Walla annual interfund loan review

Staff reviewed the city interfund loans as required by the Washington State Auditor. Currently the city has six (6) interfund loans. Staff explained the process and reasoning behind interfund loans.

There was discussion on:

- The Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP).
- Interest rates are set based on the current LGIP rate.
- Interest rates can be adjusted in future years.
- The use of the vehicle replacement fund for loans.
 - No fees to the city
 - Flexibility for early payments.
 - Minimum reserve requirements
- Payments are annual, and interest is paid monthly.

B. Discussion on the reintroduction of plastics into the recycling stream.

Staff reviewed the history of plastics being included in our recycling program from February of 2020 to current. It was noted that there are two bills being considered at the Legislature regarding recycling. House Bill 1131 and Senate Bill 5154. Staff shared some information on the details of

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the bills. Staff then provided a presentation on the potential of reintroduction of plastics.

There was discussion on:

- If products are actually being recycled.
- Public's desire to recycle.
- Difficulty to track product to determine beyond a doubt if it is recycled.
- Grants for recycling education.
- Recycling enforcement efforts.
- Need for continuing education regardless of decision.
- If we should wait to see what the Legislature does first.
- Glass recycling.
- Discussion on tasking the Legislative Committee to check into the bills on their trip to Olympia.
- Burning of plastics in some places for energy.

There was some discussion regarding the application for a cell tower on the property owned by Blue Mountain Community Church. Mr. Frederickson provided an update on the status of the application.

3. MEETING ENDS

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 5:25 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk