

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
February 21, 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, and Mayor Tom Scribner.

Absent: None

City staff in attendance: City Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Accountant Liz Moeller, Parks and Recreation Director Andy Coleman, Community Development Director Preston Frederickson, and City Clerk Lisa Neissl.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Discuss a Potential Interim Zoning Ordinance and/or Moratorium related to Wireless Communication Facilities.

City Attorney Donaldson provided a presentation on the limited regulatory authority regarding wireless communication facilities.

There was discussion on:

- What legal authority the City Council has regarding limitations to installation of wireless communication facilities.
- Federal laws preemption of local authority through the Telecommunication Act of 1996 and subsequent court rulings.
- What local authorities are allowed to consider when regulating these facilities.
- What constitutes a “coverage gap”.
- Options for an interim zoning ordinance.

- B. Proposed Lease of the Carnegie Building to Walla Walla School District.

Staff provided information on the history of the building and programs that have been operated in that facility. They presented a proposal to lease the building to the school district for operation of their Opportunity Program which is currently being held in a commercial property on North Isaacs.

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There was discussion on:

- Building not being used currently as all programs have been relocated.
- Short term lease in consideration of potential needs of the city during the potential library reconstruction.
- Ongoing cooperative relationship with the district and shared use of facilities.
- Cost responsibilities of utilities and maintenance during the lease.
- Historic preservation of the building.
- Timeline of the lease coming forward to Council.

3. MEETING ENDS

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 5:05 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk