

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Work Session Minutes**  
**May 8, 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Scribner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Brian Casey, Ted Koehler, Steve Moss, Susan Nakonieczny, Gustavo Reyna, and Mayor Tom Scribner.

Absent: Rick Eskil

City staff in attendance: City Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain, Deputy City Manager Robert Francis, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, PW Communications Coordinator Shane Prudente, Assistant City Attorney June Riley, Fire Chief Knowles, Deputy Fire Chief Wood, and City Clerk Lisa Neissl.

**2. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. Continued discussion regarding the reintroduction of plastics into the recycling stream. Presentation by Shane Prudente, Public Works Communications Coordinator.

Staff presented information on options for the reintroduction of plastics.

There was discussion on:

- The cost of implementation and potential grant funding.
- Available markets for the product.
- Education being crucial for behavior change.
- Enforcement being educational rather than punitive.
- Potential other positive changes that may evolve.
- Costs for the City as well as costs to homeowners.
- Potential State or Federal legislation.

- B. Discuss the reintroduction of glass recycling. Presentation by Shane Prudente, Public Works Communications Coordinator.

Staff presented information on options for introducing glass recycling including curbside or depot, mixed or separate plans.

There was discussion on:

- If glass needs to be cleaned and labels removed.

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- Not required, but cleaner is better.
- Cost to the City as well as costs to homeowners.
- Feasibility of an “opt-in” program.
- Types of glass that are recyclable.
- Uses of recycled glass, including the end products of ground glass.
- Importance of education and outreach.
- Reduction of items entering the landfill.

C. Opioid Settlement Agreement Briefing and Memorandum of Understanding to Establish an Opioid Abatement Council (OAC)

Staff provided information on the settlement and requirements of establishing an OAC along with the option of having an existing agency perform in that role.

There was discussion on:

- Greater Columbia Behavioral Health organization being a fit for the OAC.
- Need for a Memorandum of Understanding and appointment of Fire Chief to the board.
- Requirements of how funds may be expended.
  - Must be used for treatment/prevention of substance abuse disorder.
- Duties of OAC being to audit agency expenditures of the funds to ensure proper use – transparency.
- Amount of funds that are used for overhead expenses.
- Next steps.

It was announced that Councilmember Eskil, City Manager Chamberlain, and Public Works Director would miss the regular meeting as they will be in Washington D.C. promoting items of importance to our City.

**3. MEETING ENDS**

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 5:33 p.m.

Approved:



Mayor

Attest:

  
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 City Clerk