

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
June 26, 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, Deputy City Manager Robert Francis, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Development Services Director Preston Frederickson, Parks and Recreation Director Andy Coleman, Cemetery Lead Joanna Lanning, Troy Beckel, and City Clerk Lisa Neissl.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Discussion regarding proposed ordinance amending Walla Walla Municipal Code Chapter 2.28 and the designated Residential Targeted Area map related to Multifamily Housing Tax Incentives.

Staff provided an in-depth power point presentation on the proposed amendments to the existing code related multifamily housing tax incentives and the residential targeted area map. It was noted that County Assessor Byron Burris was present and available to answer questions.

There was discussion on:

- The Housing and Urban Development Fair Market Rent threshold for rent prices.
- Tax incentive only for the added property value, the existing value remains taxable.
- Affordability of housing in Walla Walla.
- Other revenue possibilities due to increased housing.
- Proportionate share of affordable units to be same as overall development.
- Non-profit sector housing assistance options.
- Proposed map expansion area.
- Oversight and monitoring as well as ability to modify the program as needed.

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B. Presentation on Mountain View Cemetery's History and Information

Staff provided a presentation on the history of the Mountain View Cemetery. Information was provided on the tours that staff do throughout the year, and signage that has been added sharing details about monuments and gravesites throughout the cemetery.

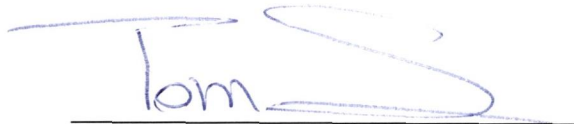
There was discussion on:

- The tours feature in-character presenters acted out by staff and volunteers to educate the community.
- The research into the history and lives of those buried in the cemetery and how it helps get community buy in with the care and reverence of the grounds.
- The future of the cemetery and planned projects.
- Burial options available.
- Abundant wildlife on the grounds.

3. MEETING ENDS


There being no further business, the meeting ended at 5:41 p.m.

Approved:



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk