

**Electronic City Council Meeting (Tuesday, February 23, 2021)**

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor – Via Web Norma L. Hernández

Council Members – Via Web Jerry Bobbitt, Michael Cleveland, Loren Peterson, Marge Nyhagen, Melodie Selby, Heather Schermann, Byron Trop

City Attorney – Via Web Rea Culwell  
Administrator, Mike Rizzitiello; Finance Director, Brian Carleton;  
Public Works Director, Paul Hartwig (left at 7:28 PM);Staff – Via Web Police Chief, Troy Tomaras; HR Manager, Shawn Doering;  
City Clerk, Lisa Neissl; Deputy Clerk; Carolyn Holm

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

**1. Opening Items.**Procedural: 1.02 Call To Order**Mayor Hernández called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.**Procedural: 1.03 Pledge of AllegianceProcedural: 1.04 Moment of Silence for Reflection / Invocation - Any City Employee or Elected Official; delivering the invocation, does so in his/her capacity as a private citizen, and not in his/her official position as a city employee/elected city official.Information: 1.05 Public Comment Procedure for Virtual Meetings - Council meetings are primarily structured to permit Council Members to arrive at the decisions necessary to govern the City.

The City Clerk noted that no one had submitted comments in writing or contacted to make arrangements for telephone or video comments.

**2. Consent Agenda.**Action (Consent): 2.01 AB 21047 - Approve Agenda for February 23, 2021Action (Consent), Minutes: 2.02 AB 21048 - Approve Council Minutes from February 9, 2021Action (Consent): 2.03 Approve Consent Agenda - Our adopted rules of Parliamentary Procedure, The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, provide for a consent agenda listing several items for approval of the Council by a single motion. Most of the items listed under the consent agenda have gone through previous review either during the budget process, at a workshop, or by subcommittee review and recommendation. Documentation concerning these items has been provided to all Council Members and the public in advance to assure an extensive and thorough review. Items may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any Council Member.**Council Member Nyhagen made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by Council Member Trop and the motion passed 7-0.****3. Presentations.**Discussion, Information: 3.01 AB 21049 - City Snow Removal Activities -

Mr. Hartwig gave a report to Council regarding the snow removal activities during this recent snow event. He noted the significant difficulties staff had keeping up with the lack of equipment on top of the large amount of snowfall during a very condensed time frame.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 3.02 AB 21050 – 2020 Police Department Annual Report -

Chief Tomaras gave a PowerPoint presentation on the recently completed 2020 PD Annual Report. He noted the significant highlights of 2020 which includes receiving accreditation, and spoke about the changes in calls as compared to previous years.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 3.03 AB 21051 - Update on COVID-19 Pandemic -

Mr. Rizzitiello provided an update on the COVID-19 Pandemic including case numbers in Walla Walla County and the State as a whole. He spoke about the metrics being watched for regions in the Healthy Washington Plan and provided information on significant differences between Phase One and Phase Two.

He gave an update on vaccination efforts and discussions between the Walla Walla County Leaders and the Governor's Office. He then answered a couple questions.

Ms. Neissl provided an overview of what challenges the staff face with the current guidance for in-person meetings in combination with Open Public Meetings Act regulations. After discussion on the challenges and risks, the consensus was to continue with only virtual meetings until the rules are not so restrictive.

**4. Public Hearings**-None.

**5. Action Items.**

Action: 5.01 AB 21052 - Department of Ecology loan agreement for partial funding of the SW Sewer Project -

Mr. Carleton spoke to Council about the funding plan for the Southwest Sewer Project. He noted that the Department of Ecology requested a Resolution authorizing the funding their agency will be providing for this project.

**Council Member Selby made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-009 which authorizes the City Administrator to sign funding agreement for \$2,623,681.00 with the Department of Ecology for the Southwest Sewer Project. Second by Council Member Trop and the motion passed 7-0.**

**6. Administrative Reports**-None.

**7. Informational Reports.** The following reports were included in the packet for review:

Information: 7.01 CPPD Monthly Report

Information: 7.02 Public Works/Water Department Monthly Report

Information: 7.03 Community Development Reports

**8. Executive Session**-None.

**9. Closing Items.**

Action: 9.01 Adjournments

**Council Member Trop made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM. Second by Council Member Selby and, with no objection, the meeting adjourned.**

Approved:

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*Norma L Hernandez*

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Norma L. Hernández –  
Mayor

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*Lisa R. Neissl*

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Lisa R. Neissl – City Clerk

The foregoing minutes are the official record of the City Council meeting that occurred February 23, 2021. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.