

City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Electronic) (Tuesday, October 11, 2022)

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1. Opening Items.

Procedural: 1.01 Call To Order

Mayor Hernández called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Procedural: 1.02 Roll Call

PRESENT:

Mayor - Norma L. Hernández

Council Members – Paul Jessup, Michael Cleveland, Tito Espinoza Jr., Loren Peterson, Melodie Williams, Heather Schermann

Administrator, Mike Rizzitiello; City Attorney, Rea Culwell; Finance Director, Brian Carleton; Community Development Director, Jon Rickard; City Clerk, Sherri St. Clair

Staff -

Also Present

City Engineer, Alex Fazzari; Planning Consultant, Gregg Dohrn

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Monica Boyle

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Procedural: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 1.04 Public Comment -

Aniko gave a public comment regarding the dangers of roundabouts for pedestrians with disabilities.

2. Consent Agenda.

Action (Consent): 2.01 AB 22211 - Approve Agenda for October 11, 2022

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2.02 AB 22212 - Approve Council Minutes from September 27, 2022

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2.03 AB 22213 - Approve Council Workshop Minutes from October 4, 2022

Action (Consent), 2.04: Excuse Absence of Council Member Boyle

Action (Consent): 2.05 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.

Member Shermann made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by Member Peterson and the motion passed 6-0.

3. Presentations.

Discussion, Information: 3.01 AB 22214 - College Place - Walla Walla Wastewater Treatment

Consolidation Feasibility Study Draft -

Mr. Fazzari presented the College Place - Walla Walla Wastewater Treatment Consolidation Feasibility Study Draft to the Council. Mr. Fazzari provided an overview of the Wastewater Treatment Study, new

information, options for the Council to consider, financial impacts, as well as how the different options will impact the City and Walla Walla.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 3.02 AB 22215 - Annual Unified Development Code Update -

Mr. Rickard informed the Council that the College Place Planning Commission has been working on affordable housing implementation tools and have compiled the draft amendments to the Unified Development Code. Mr. Dohrn outlined the amendments to the Unified Development Code.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 3.03 AB 22216 - City of College Place Arbor Day Draft Proclamation -

Mayor Hernández read the Arbor Day Proclamation.

Discussion, Information: 3.04 AB 22217 - Indigenous Peoples Day Draft Proclamation -

Mayor Hernández read the Indigenous Peoples Proclamation.

Discussion, Information: 3.04 AB 22218 - Italian American Month Draft Proclamation -

Mayor Hernández read the Italian American Month Proclamation.

4. Public Hearings. - None

5. Action Items.

Action: 5.01 AB 22219 - VESPER Project - Downtown Catalyst Incentive Application -

Mr. Rizzitiello provided an explanation of the VESPER Project Downtown Catalyst Incentive Application and informed the Council that the Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission recommended the full amount be awarded to the VESPER Development.

Member Cleveland made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-071 which awards full Downtown Catalyst Incentive to VESPER Development. Second by Member Espinoza and the motion passed 6-0.

Action: 5.02 AB 22220 - Resolution of Support for Ecology Water Quality Financial Assistance Grant Program - SE Birch (4th to 6th) -

Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Council that the State Department of Ecology (DOE) is offering a Water Quality Financial Assistance Program in which the City can apply for a grant to address water quality improvement projects within the City. Mr. Rizzitiello asked the Council to approve the resolution of support for the City's grant application to the DOE to address stormwater improvements for SE Birch Avenue.

Member Espinoza made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-072 which support's the City's grant application to the State Department of Ecology Water Quality Financial Assistance Program for SE Birch Ave (4th to 6th) Stormwater Improvements. Second by Member Jessup and the motion 6-0.

Action: 5.03 AB 22221 - Resolution of Support for Ecology Water Quality Financial Assistance Grant Program - NW Earl Ln Design -

Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Council that flooding continues to occur on NW Earl Ln and that the resolution of support for the City's grant application to the Department of Ecology is for the NW Earl Ln design.

Member Shermann made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-073 which support's the City's grant application to the State Department of Ecology Water Quality Financial Assistance Program for NW Earl Ln Design. Second by Member Peterson and the motion passed 6-0.

Action: 5.04 AB 22222 - Resolution of Support for Ecology Water Quality Financial Assistance Grant Program - SW 10th Street (College to Bade) Design Work -

Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Council that this resolution of support is for SW 10th Street design work similar to what was done on SE 10th Street a few years prior.

Member Peterson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-074 which support's the City's grant application to the State Department of Ecology Water Quality Financial Assistance Program for SW 10th Street (College to Bade) Design Work. Second by Member Cleveland and the motion passed 6-0.

Action: 5.05 AB 22223 - Contract with Stowe Strategies to conduct Tax Increment Finance Study Proposal -

Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Council that a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Study is will help with economic development at the Stone Creek lakeside area and downtown College Place.

Member Cleveland made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-075 which authorizes City Administrator to sign Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Planning & Prospectus Contract with Stowe Development & Strategies not to exceed \$58,500. Second by Member Williams and the motion passed 6-0.

Action: 5.06 AB 22224 - Resolution of Support for Federal Department of Transportation: Reconnecting Communities Grant - SR 125 Corridor (Myra to College) Planning -

Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Council that based on community feedback and the availability of funds from the Federal Department of Transportation (DOT) Connected Communities Program, the City would like to apply for this grant to study the SR 125 corridor for needed improvements.

Discussion ensued.

Member Jessup made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-076 which support's the City's grant application to the Federal Department of Transportation Connected Communities Program for SR 125 Corridor (Myra to College) Planning Project. Second by Member Shermann and the motion passed 6-0.

Action: 5.07 AB 22225 - Walla Walla County Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement Update -

Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Council that the 2022 Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management through Walla Walla County has been updated. Walla Walla County provides emergency management services for College Place. Mr. Rizzitiello explained that updates to this agreement include definitions, RCW's related to emergency management, and languages to quorum law pertaining to the emergency management committee.

Member Shermann made a motion to adopt Resolution #22-077 which adopts 2022 Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services through Walla Walla County. Second by Member Peterson and the motion passed 6-0.

6. Administrative Reports.

Discussion, Information: 6.01 AB 22226 - Draft FY 2023 to 2028 Capital Facility Plan -

Mr. Rizzitiello asked the Council to review the Draft FY 2023-2028 Capital Facility Plan. Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Council that items within the Capital Facility Plan are prioritized by high, medium, and low priority. Key projects for 2023 include Lions Park, Mojonner Rd, Well #7, the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and various stormwater and road projects.

Discussion, Information: 6.02 AB 22227 - Draft FY 2023 to 2028 Equipment Replacement Plan -

Mr. Rizzitiello asked the Council to review the Draft FY 2023-2028 Equipment Replacement Plan. Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Council that the City has made significant headway in equipment replacement relative to other years.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 6.03 AB 22228 - Draft FY 2023 to 2028 Information Technology Plan -

Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Council that the Draft TY 2023-2028 Information Technology Plan Key components include implementing Tyler Technologies and changing from Office to Office360.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 6.04 AB 22229 - Draft Fiscal Year 2023 State & Legislative Agenda -

Mr. Rizzitiello asked the Council to review the Draft Fiscal Year 2023 State and Legislative Agenda. Mr. Rizzitiello outline the key projects which include the Wastewater Treatment Plant, western College Place water system improvements, the stormwater Decant facility, and SW Mojonner Rd. In addition, Mr. Rizzitiello outlined key issues within the 2023 State and Legislative Agenda.

7. Informational Reports. - None

8. Executive Session. - None

9. Closing Items.

Discussion, Information: 9.01 Good of the Order?

Action: 9.02 Conclusion - Motion to Conclude the Meeting.

Member Cleveland made a motion to conclude the meeting. Second by Member Peterson, and with no objection, the meeting concluded at 8:56 PM.

Approved:

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Norma L. Hernandez

Norma L. Hernandez – Mayor

Attest:

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Sherri St. Clair

Sherri St. Clair – City Clerk

The foregoing minutes are the official record of the City Council meeting that occurred October 11, 2022. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.