City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Electronic) (Tuesday, February 11, 2025)
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1. Opening Items.
Procedural: 1.01 Call To Order

Mayor Hernández called the meeting to order at 7:02PM

Procedural: 1.02 Roll Call
PRESENT:

Mayor -	Norma L. Hernández
Council Members –	Michael Cleveland; Loren Peterson; Melodie Williams; Heather Schermann;
Staff-	City Administrator, Michael Rizzitiello; Finance Director, Brian Carleton; Community Development Director, Jon Rickard; Interim City Attorney, Eric Ferguson; City Clerk, Maryelizabeth E. Garcia
Also Present -	Interim Prosecuting Attorney, Mike Rio; Brian Hanson, Anderson Perry; Jay Peninger, J-U-B Engineers
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Paul Jessup; Tito Espinoza; Monica Boyle
MEMBERS ABSENT:	

Procedural: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 1.04 Public Comment - None.

2. Consent Agenda.
Action (Consent): 2.01 AB 25041 - Approve Agenda for February 11, 2025.
Action (Consent), Minutes: 2.02 AB 25042 - Approve Council Minutes from January 28, 2025.
Action (Consent), Minutes: 2.03 AB 25043 - Approve Council Workshop Minutes from February 4, 2025.
Action (Consent): 2.04 AB 25044 - EMS Contract for 2025 Levy Distribution - Chief Winter
Action (Consent): 2.05 AB 25050 - Excusing the Absence of Council Member Boyle.
Action (Consent): 2.06 AB 25051 - Excusing the Absence of Council Member Jessup.
Action (Consent): 2.07 AB 25053 - Excusing the Absence of Council Member Espinoza.
Action (Consent): 2.06 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 Schermann made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Member Cleveland and the motion passed 4-0.**

3. Presentations.
Information: 3.01 AB 25045 - College Place Employee Years of Service - Mayor Hernández
Mayor Hernández commended Jon Rickard for his dedication to his work and presented Mr. Rickard with a Certificate of Appreciation for his 20 years of service to the City, and a corresponding pin. Mr. Rickard stated his son would like to be a City Planner when he grows up.

4. Public Hearings. - None.
Procedural: 4.01 Procedure for Public Testimony

5. Action Items.
Action: 5.01 AB 25046 - Lions Park Improvements Project Contingency - Mr. Rickard
Mr. Rickard updated the Council on changes to the project such as tree removal, replanting all foliage on the island, modifying building changes, excavation of the pond, modifications to planned buildings, and engineering the fishing platform to be ADA accessible. Mr. Rickard stated this contingency should cover any other unanticipated costs.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Williams made a motion to increase the Lions Park Improvement Project contingency amount by $358,000 for a total construction dollar amount not to exceed $6,358,000.00. Second by Member Schermann and the motion passed 4-0.

Action: 5.02 AB 25047 - Amendment to Engineering Agreement for SE 8th St Sidewalk Project - Mr. Rizzitiello
Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Council of needed engineering on SE 8th Street to appropriate roadways and sidewalk on the eastern section as well as additional Right of Way to install a flashing beacon.

Council Member Cleveland made a motion to authorize the Public Works Director or designee to approve and sign Contract Amendment for the 8th Street Sidewalks from Birch to Larch increasing costs by $47,900. Second by Member Schermann and the motion passed 4-0.

Action: 5.03 AB 25048 - Countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan - Mr. Rizzitiello
Mr. Rizzitiello reviewed with the Council the Countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan which was presented at the February 4 Council Workshop. Mr. Rizzitiello stated that the Countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan will be used to pursue grant money correlated to projects from FEMA and other agencies.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Schermann made a motion to adopt Resolution #25-008 accepting the updated Countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan. Second by Member Williams and the motion passed 4-0.

Action: 5.04 AB 25049 - Resolution to permit City Administrator to sign MOU with Walla Walla YMCA Pertaining to Funding for Architectural Plans - Mr. Rizzitiello
Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Council of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Walla Walla YMCA to reallocate a grant from the Department of Commerce to the architecture and design of the childcare complex in the Lions Park Community Center. Mr. Rizzitiello stated that the YMCA Board decided to sell the property which the grant was previously allocated to, resulting in the grant money being given to College Place for a childcare complex.

Council Member Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution #25-009 which permits City Administrator to sign MOU with YMCA pertaining to Commerce Grant Funds for Architectural Design of the Lions Park Community Center. Second by Member Peterson and the motion passed 4-0.

6. Administrative Reports. - None.

7. Informational Reports. - None.

8. Executive Session.
Discussion: 8.01 AB 25048 - Potential Litigation - Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
The Council adjourned to Executive Session.

Mayor Hernández opened the Executive Session at 7:28 PM.

The Council discussed potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

Mayor Hernández called the Regular Meeting back to order at 7:53 PM.

9. Closing Items.
Discussion, Information: 9.01 Good of the Order?

Action: 9.02 Conclusion - Motion to Conclude the Meeting.

Council Member Cleveland made a motion to conclude the meeting at 7:54 PM. Second by Member Williams and with no objection, the meeting concluded.

Approved:

Signed by:
Norma L. Hernández
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Norma L. Hernández – Mayor

Attest:

Signed by:
Maryelizabeth Garcia
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Maryelizabeth E. Garcia – City Clerk

The foregoing minutes are the official record of the City Council meeting that occurred February 11, 2025. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.