

City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Electronic) (Tuesday, April 22, 2025)

Generated by Maryelizabeth Garcia on Friday, April 18, 2025

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; Loren Peterson; Melodie Williams; Heather Schermann; Monica Boyle

Staff- City Administrator, Michael Rizzitiello; Interim City Attorney, Eric Ferguson; City Clerk, Maryelizabeth E. Garcia;

Also Present -

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Procedural: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 1.04 Public Comment - None.

2. Consent Agenda.

Action (Consent): 2.01 AB 25104 - Approve Agenda for April 22, 2025

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2.02 AB 25105 - Approve Council Minutes April 8, 2025

Action (Consent): 2.03 AB 25106 - November 2024 Financials

Action (Consent): 2.04 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 Boyle and the motion passed 7-0.

3. Presentations.

Information: 3.01 AB 25107 - Earth Day Proclamation - Mayor Hernández

Mayor Hernández delivered the annual Earth Day Proclamation and encouraged all residents to commit to lowering their carbon footprint and engaging in efforts to protect and heal the planet we call home.

Information: 3.02 AB 25114 - Unity & Diversity Day Proclamation - Mayor Hernández

Mayor Hernández delivered the Unity & Diversity Day Proclamation and urged all residents to commit to recognize the oneness of the Human Race.

4. Public Hearings - None.

5. Action Items.

Action: 5.01 AB 25108 - Contract Amendment for WWTP Phase 1B Construction Management - Mr. Rizzitiello

Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Council of updates to the WWTP project which is currently in the Construction Management phase 1B. Mr. Rizzitiello clarified funding sources.

Council Member Jessup made a motion to authorize City Administrator or designee to approve and sign contract amendment with J-U-B Engineers for time and materials not to exceed \$1,500,000 for

construction management services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 1B Project. Second by Member Williams and the motion passed 7-0.

Action: 5.02 AB 25109 - Surplus Equipment - Ms. Garcia

Ms. Garcia informed the Council of supplies and equipment that are being stored on the premises which are no longer in use or needed including 11 sandwich boards, 60 chairs that used to be in Council Chambers, and 1 piece of Public Works equipment. Mr. Rizzitiello clarified the surplus process and stated that if the buyback group does not provide an outlet for the items, they can be donated.

Council Member Cleveland made a motion to approve Resolution #25-029 which authorizes the surplus of 60 chairs, 11 sandwich boards, and one 511 Tack Machine. Second by Member Peterson and the motion passed 7-0.

Action: 5.03 AB 25110 - Agreement between Smokin' Bandits and City of College Place - Ms. Garcia

Ms. Garcia informed the Council that Daniel and Richelle Juarez who own Smokin' Bandits food truck have requested to rent a space with electricity and access to dump their garbage. Ms. Garcia got approval from City Administrator Mike Rizzitiello and agreed on a the price of \$350/month for rent and \$25/month for garbage. Ms. Garcia then provided Smokin' Bandits with a contract to review and wrote a resolution for the rental. Mr. Rizzitiello reported having explored the property for food truck placement and stated that four food trucks could fit in the parking lot comfortably. Mr. Rizzitiello also discussed the downtown parking lot project having 4-5 spots for food trucks as well.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Boyle made a motion to approve Resolution #25-030 which authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with Smokin' Bandits to use the City Municipal Complex parking lot. Second by Member Williams and the motion passed 7-0.

Action: 5.04 AB 25111 - Agreement between Kerry's Trinidadian Cuisine and City of College Place - Ms. Garcia

Ms. Garcia was approached by Kerry Ali of Kerry's Trinidadian Cuisines food truck who has also requested to rent space with electricity from the City. Ms. Garcia got approval from City Administrator Mike Rizzitiello and agreed on a price of \$350/month for rent. Ms. Garcia provided Kerry's Trinidadian Cuisine with a contract and wrote another resolution for the rental. Council Member Espinoza suggested the City create a criteria for selection of food tucks and that further food truck recruitment could be advertised. Council Member Schermann requested that the City encourages offering a vegetarian option to boost sales and serve the community.

Council Member Schermann made a motion to approve Resolution #25-031 which authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with Kerry's Trinidadian Cuisine to use the City Municipal Complex parking lot. Second by Member Espinoza and the motion passed 7-0.

6. Administrative Reports.

Reports: 6.01 AB 25112 - Lions Park Ribbon Cutting Event - Ms. Garcia

Ms. Garcia presented to Council the early phase plans for the upcoming Lions Park Ribbon Cutting Event. Mr. Rizzitiello has agreed to a Ribbon Cutting by the Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce, swag bags with gift certificates to Kettle Corn and Soda Stop, a dessert grazing table, a balloon arch display by De Colores, and a Land Welcome from Jeanine Gordon. Anderson Perry has been contacted for financial support in hopes of receiving about \$4250 for the event.

Discussion: 6.02 AB 25113 - Youth Advisory Commission Sister City Update - Ms. Garcia

Ms. Garcia informed the Council of updates to the Sister City Committee project the Youth Advisory Commission is working on. The Commission would like to undertake including establishing a strong connection between the youth in the schools, a Pen Pal Exchange, mutual art exchanges, sending gifts on a regular basis, and completing a sports & recreation activity together. The Commission will hold a special meeting on April 30, 2025 to discuss an action plan and will come to Council about creating an officially sanctioned Sister City Committee. Council Member Peterson advocated for College Place to form a sister city relationship in Sardinia where the Walla Walla Sweets originated from. Council Member Williams suggested using film majors at the University to create a movie for Jungapeo.

7. Informational Reports.

Information: 7.01 CPPD Monthly Report

8. Executive Session.

Discussion: 8.01 AB 25115 - 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 7:47 PM.

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

Mayor Hernández called the Regular Meeting back to order at 8:32 PM.

9. Closing Items.

Discussion, Information: 9.01 Good of the Order?

Action: 9.02 Conclusion - Motion to Conclude the Meeting.

Council Member Espinoza made a motion to conclude the meeting at 8:35 PM. Second by Member Williams and with no objection, the meeting concluded.

Approved:

Signed by:

Norma L. Hernández

E7C117EE7FEC409...
Norma L. Hernández – Mayor

Attest:

Signed by:

Maryelizabeth Garcia

1E6D0A08E80D4C2
Maryelizabeth E. Garcia - City Clerk

The foregoing minutes are the official record of the City Council meeting that occurred April 22, 2025. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.