

City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Electronic) (Tuesday, May 27, 2025)

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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 – Michael Cleveland; Loren Peterson; Melodie Williams; Heather Schermann; Monica Boyle

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

Also Present -

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Paul Jessup; Tito Espinoza;

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Procedural: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 1.04 Public Comment - None.

2. Consent Agenda.

Action (Consent): 2.01 AB 25136 - Approve Agenda for May 27, 2025.

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2.02 AB 25137 - Approve Council Minutes from May 13, 2025.

Action (Consent): 2.03 AB 25138 - Equipment Purchase

Action (Consent): 2.04 Excusing the absence of Council Member Jessup

Action (Consent): 2.05 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 Council Member Peterson and the motion passed 5-0.

3. Presentations.

Information: 3.01 AB 25139 - Ride Transit Month Proclamation - Mayor Hernández

Mayor Hernández delivered the Public Works Week Proclamation and gave the signed certificate to Valley Transit General Manager, Angie Peters.

4. Public Hearings - None.

5. Action Items.

Action (Consent): 5.01 AB 25140 - Sister City Official Gift from College Place - Ms. Garcia

Ms. Garcia stated that a number of items had been accumulated for the official Sister City Gift for Jungapeo, Mexico to include wildflower seeds from College Place as well as branded merchandise from Hot Mama's, Blue Zones, Walla Walla University, Andy's Market, and CPHS.

Council Member Cleveland made a motion to approve the City Clerk or Designee to purchase items for the official Sister City Gift from the City of College Place to Jungapeo, Mexico in the amount of not over \$500. Second by Council Member Williams and motion passed 5-0.

Action: 5.02 AB 25141 - Ivy Lane Road Restoration - Mr. Rizzitiello

Mr. Rizzitiello provided an update on the Ivy Lane Road Restoration project to Council, and stated that resurfacing the road was an unplanned expense but was required due to the road being cut up from the 70-ft wide sink hole that opened up on Ivy Lane.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Williams made a motion to authorize the Public Works Director or Designee to sign and accept bid for Central Washington Asphalt to perform Ivy Lane pavement restoration in the amount of \$25,654.50. Second by Council Member Boyle and motion passed 5-0.

Action: 5.03 AB 25142 - Amendment #2 to the Well No. 7 Drilling and Design Contract - Mr. Rizzitiello

Mr. Rizzitiello stated that, although this is the second amendment, the project is still well within budget. Mr. Rizzitiello reviewed the events leading up to switching drilling companies from Gregory to RH2 and stated that the output appears to be 700 gallons/minute.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Peterson made a motion to authorize the Public Works Director or Designee to sign and approve Amendment #2 to the Well No. 7 Drilling and Design contract with RH2 increasing the contract by \$154,458 for a total authorization amount of \$914,774. Second by Council Member Schermann and motion passed 5-0.

6. Administrative Reports.

Reports: 6.01 AB 25143 - Lions Park Dedication Ceremony - Ms. Garcia

Ms. Garcia informed the Council of plans for the Lions Park Dedication Event. Ms. Garcia reported current plans to include the the opening day of the Market in the Park, the annual Fishing Derby in partnership with the College Place Lions Club, National Anthem performance by a local youth, a Land Welcome from Tribal Leader Jeanine Gordon, a traditional folkloric dance from El Color de Mexico, and food and drink giveaways from on-site vendors Zea Mays (Kettlecorn), Happy Wanderer, and The Soda Stop. Ms. Garcia informed the Council of notification of Potential Quorum for the event.

7. Informational Reports.

Information: 7.01 CPPD Monthly Report

8. Executive Session.

Discussion: 8.01 AB 25144 - 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 7:32 PM.

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

Mayor Hernández called the Regular Meeting back to order at 8:06 PM.

9. Closing Items.

Discussion, Information: 9.01 Good of the Order?

It was decided that a Special Meeting would be held on May 30 at 12PM in order to discuss a potential litigation settlement amount.

Action: 9.02 Conclusion - Motion to Conclude the Meeting.

Council Member Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM. Second by Council Member Cleveland and, with no objection, the meeting adjourned.

Approved:

Norma L. Hernández – Mayor

Attest:

Maryelizabeth E. Garcia – City Clerk

The foregoing minutes are the official record of the City Council meeting that occurred May 27, 2025. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.