

City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Electronic) (Tuesday, June 10, 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 – Paul Jessup; Michael Cleveland; Loren Peterson; Tito Espinoza; Melodie Williams - arrived at 7:10PM; Heather Schermann; Monica Boyle

Staff- City Administrator, Michael Rizzitiello; Associate City Attorney, Scott Mihalik; City Clerk, Maryelizabeth E. Garcia; Finance Director, Brian Carleton

Also Present -

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Procedural: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 1.04 Public Comment -

Mayor Hernández read Public Comment from College Place resident Ms. Virginia Clark of 711 NE Dawson Street, "I am an elderly woman and last week, I had some old lamp oil to discard. I called the Fire Department and they were totally awesome. They told me I could take it somewhere but they actually came and picked it up themselves for free. I don't think they get the recognition they deserve, or the Police. I think older people should know that older people can take hazardous chemicals to the dump and ask the Mayor to put it out in the newsletter."

2. Consent Agenda.

Action (Consent): 2.01 AB 25149 - Approve Agenda for June 10, 2025.

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2.02 AB 25150 - Approve Council Minutes from May 27, 2025.

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2.03 AB 25151 - Approve Council Special Meeting Minutes from May 30, 2025.

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.

Council Member Schermann made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Council Member Peterson and the motion passed 6-0.

3. Presentations.

Information: 3.01 AB 25152 - Juneteenth Proclamation - Mayor Hernández

Mayor Hernández provided some fun facts about Juneteenth and delivered the Juneteenth Proclamation.

4. Public Hearings - None.

5. Action Items.

Action: 5.01 AB 25155 - City Support for WWCRLD AWC Sponsorship

Mr. Rizzitiello stated that the Walla Walla County Rural Library District is applying to join the AWC Employee Benefits Trust and part of their application requires that they be sponsored by a City since they are not one. The Walla Walla County Rural Library District is asking for the City's sponsorship by Resolution that supports the District joining, and there is no obligation to the City.

Council Member Williams made a motion to support Resolution No. 25-038 sponsoring the Walla Walla County Rural Library District's application to join the Association of Washington Cities. Second by Council Member Cleveland and the motion passed 7-0.

6. Administrative Reports.

Action: 6.01 AB 25153 - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) - Mr. Rizzitiello

Mr. Rizzitiello presented the final iteration of the Comprehensive Economic Development Study to Council which will serve as the Economic Development portion of the upcoming Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Rizzitiello stated that use of the CEDS plan will create opportunities for Economic Development Administration and Public Works program grants for about a six-year period. The CEDS document still needs to add Capital Facility Plan, Transportation Improvement Plan, and other general documents such as the Martin Airfield Planning Study and the upcoming Safe Streets 4 All plan.

Action: 6.02 AB 25154 - Proposed College Place Code 10.18 - Truck Routes - Mr. Rizzitiello

Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Council that creating a state freight route as an addition to the City Municipal Code emerged as a result of the Martin Airfield Planning Study. State freight maps never officially included any College Place city streets. This addition will designate Hwy 125, Myra Road, W Whitman Drive, and others as official City Freight Routes. This would also allow the City to receive grants for the roads.

Discussion ensued.

7. Informational Reports.

Reports: 7.01 Lions Park Dedication Ceremony - Ms. Garcia

8. Executive Session - None.

9. Closing Items.

Discussion, Information: 9.01 Good of the Order?

Mayor Hernández announced Mr. Rizzitiello's departure from the City Administrator role, and anticipates beginning to seek a replacement in the next two weeks and special meetings to conduct interviews. An interview subcommittee was identified consisting of Council Members Schermann, Peterson, and Jessup.

Council Member Espinoza reiterated concern for people waiting for the bus in the sun during summer months. Valley Transit Executive Director Angie Peters was present in attendance and stated that the issue at hand is for the Valley Transit.

Action: 9.02 Conclusion - Motion to Conclude the Meeting.

Council Member Boyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31PM. Second by Council Member Williams and, with no objection, the meeting adjourned.

Signed by:

Approved:

Norma L. Hernández

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Norma L. Hernández –

Mayor

Signed by:

Attest:

Maryelizabeth Garcia

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City Clerk

The foregoing minutes are the official record of the City Council meeting that occurred June 10, 2025. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.