

Cancelled due to lack of quorum.

1. Opening Items.

Subject :	1.01 Call To Order
Meeting :	Jul 8, 2025 - City Council Meeting - Cancelled
Category :	1. Opening Items.
Access :	Public
Type :	Procedural

Public Content

Mayor Hernández will call the meeting to order.

Subject :	1.02 Roll Call
Meeting :	Jul 8, 2025 - City Council Meeting - Cancelled
Category :	1. Opening Items.
Access :	Public
Type :	Procedural

Public Content

Mayor [Norma L. Hernández](#)

[Paul T. Jessup,](#)

[Michael Cleveland,](#)

[Tito Espinoza Jr.,](#)

Council Members [Loren Peterson,](#)

[Melodie Williams,](#)

[Heather Schermann,](#)

[Monica Boyle](#)

City Attorney, Eric Ferguson;

City Prosecutor, Michael Rio;

Finance Director, Brian Carleton;

Public Works Director, Robert McAndrews;

Staff Police Chief, Troy Tomaras;

Fire Chief, David Winter;

Community Development Director, Jon Rickard;

HR Manager, Shawn Doering;

City Clerk, Maryelizabeth Garcia

Subject : 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting : Jul 8, 2025 - City Council Meeting - Cancelled
Category : 1. Opening Items.
Access : Public
Type : Procedural

Public Content

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Subject : 1.04 Public Comment -
Meeting : Jul 8, 2025 - City Council Meeting - Cancelled
Category : 1. Opening Items.
Access : Public
Type : Information

Public Content

Council meetings are primarily structured to permit Council Members to arrive at the decisions necessary to govern the City.

Meeting Protocol for Public Comment:

When submitting public comments, include the following information regardless of the manner you are using: (Note that there are deadlines for written comments to be included in the meeting documents.)

- Your Name
- Your Address

Written Public comments may be provided by submitting comment to Clerk@cpwa.us no later than 4:30 PM on the meeting date to be included in the record. (If typewritten, no less than 11 pt font).

Verbal Public Comments may be made during the meeting:

- In-person at the meeting location - provided at the beginning of each agenda.

Telephone and Virtual Comments:

Any member of the public who desires to make a public comment at the City Council meeting by telephone or remote access shall provide at least 24 hours notice (excluding weekends and holidays) prior to the start of the meeting at which the member of the public wants to make a comment, notify the City Clerk or designee in writing or by direct verbal communication of their desire to make a comment. Those notice shall include the member's first and last name, address or place of residence, and the topic or topics the comment will touch upon.

- Telephone comment - Call 1-669-900-9128, entering the meeting ID (provided at beginning of agenda) and raise your hand (*9 to raise hand, *6 to mute/un-mute) when comments are requested.
- Virtual comment - Join using the Zoom Attendee link (provided at beginning of agenda) and raise your hand when comments are requested.

Once recognized, you will have five minutes to speak on any subject that is under the control of the Council.

2. Consent Agenda.

Subject :	2.01 AB 25171 - Approve Agenda for July 8, 2025.
Meeting :	Jul 8, 2025 - City Council Meeting - Cancelled
Category :	2. Consent Agenda.
Access :	Public
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Motion to approve the agenda for 07/08 /2025.

Consent

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.

Subject :	2.02 AB 25172 - Approve Council Minutes from June 24, 2025.
Meeting :	Jul 8, 2025 - City Council Meeting - Cancelled
Category :	2. Consent Agenda.
Access :	Public
Type :	Action (Consent), Minutes
Recommended Action :	Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes from 06/24 /2025.
Minutes :	View Minutes for Jun 24, 2025 - City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Electro

File Attachments

[6-24-2025 Council Minutes.pdf \(746 KB\)](#)

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Subject :	2.03 AB 25173 - Approve Council Workshop Minutes from July 1, 2025
Meeting :	Jul 8, 2025 - City Council Meeting - Cancelled
Category :	2. Consent Agenda.
Access :	Public
Type :	Action (Consent), Minutes
Recommended Action :	Motion to approve Council Workshop Minutes from 07 /01/2025.
Minutes :	View Minutes for Jul 1, 2025 - City Council Workshop - Hybrid (In-Person & Electr

File Attachments

[7-1-2025 Council Workshop Minutes.pdf \(692 KB\)](#)

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Subject :	2.04 AB 25174 - Excusing the Absence of Council Member Peterson
Meeting :	Jul 8, 2025 - City Council Meeting - Cancelled
Category :	2. Consent Agenda.
Access :	Public
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Motion to excuse the absence of Council Member Peterson

Public Content

Historical Perspective:

Mr. Peterson informed Ms. Garcia that he is out of the country and requested his absence excused.

Information for Consideration:

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Subject :	2.05 AB 25181 - Excusing the Absence of Council Member Espinoza
Meeting :	Jul 8, 2025 - City Council Meeting - Cancelled
Category :	2. Consent Agenda.
Access :	Public
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Motion to excuse the absence of Council Member Espinoza

Public Content

Historical Perspective:

Mr. Espinoza informed Ms. Garcia that he is out of the country and requested his absence excused.

Information for Consideration:

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Subject :	2.06 AB 25182 - Excusing the Absence of Council Member Boyle
Meeting :	Jul 8, 2025 - City Council Meeting - Cancelled
Category :	2. Consent Agenda.
Access :	Public
Type :	Action (Consent)

Recommended Action :

Motion to excuse the absence of Council
Member Boyle

Public Content

Historical Perspective:

Information for Consideration:

Consent

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2.07 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.

Meeting :

Jul 8, 2025 - City Council Meeting - Cancelled

Category :

2. Consent Agenda.

Access :

Public

Type :

Action (Consent)

Recommended Action :

Motion to approve the consent
agenda

Consent

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3. Presentations.

Subject :

3.01 AB 25175 - YMCA Dept of Commerce Grant for
Childcare Center at Lions Park Community Center - Ms.
Hedine & Ms. Garcia

Meeting :	Jul 8, 2025 - City Council Meeting - Cancelled
Category :	3. Presentations.
Access :	Public
Type :	Discussion, Information

Public Content

Historical Perspective:

The Washington State Dept of Commerce 2025-2027 Early Learning Facilities (ELF) Grant Program opens in September and provides funds to expand, remodel, purchase, or construct early learning facilities and classrooms for children in low-income households.

The City and YMCA entered in to a MOU because the YMCA dedicated over \$100K of a Commerce grant to the design/development of the childcare space in the new facility.

Information for Consideration:

The Washington State Dept of Commerce 2025-2027 Early Learning Facilities Grant Program requires a commitment of real estate, possibly in the form of a 10-year lien. The City has acquired Dept of Commerce grants in the past and has gone through this process.

- Does the City need > \$250K for the childcare space construction at Lions Club?
- Does the City prefer to apply or would the City prefer the Y to take the lead?

File Attachments

[2025 Commerce Flyer.pdf \(113 KB\)](#)
[MOU_Final.pdf \(367 KB\)](#)

Subject :	3.02 AB 25180 - Draft FY 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Plan - Mr. McAndrews
Meeting :	Jul 8, 2025 - City Council Meeting - Cancelled
Category :	3. Presentations.
Access :	Public
Type :	Discussion, Information

Public Content

Attached is the Draft FY 2026 to 2031 Transportation Improvement Plan completed by former City Administrator Mike Rizzitiello before his departure. It needs to be reviewed by Public Works Director Robert McAndrews and will be presented with updates and before the Public Hearing at the July 22, 2025 Council Meeting.

File Attachments

[2026to2031TIP_DraftMJR.pdf \(442 KB\)](#)

4. Public Hearings - None.

5. Action Items.

Subject :	5.01 AB 25176 - Adopt Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)- Mr. Saldana & Ms. Garcia
Meeting :	Jul 8, 2025 - City Council Meeting - Cancelled
Category :	5. Action Items.
Access :	Public
Type :	Action
Preferred Date :	Sep 09, 2024
Absolute Date :	Sep 09, 2024
Fiscal Impact :	Yes
Dollar Amount :	\$80,000.00
Budgeted :	Yes
Budget Source :	\$40,000 from EDA Grant and \$40,000 Local
Recommended Action :	Make a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-044 adopting the College Place Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and incorporating the CEDS as the Economic Development portion of the upcoming Comprehensive Plan update.

Public Content

Historical Perspective:

The City obtained a \$40,000 Federal Economic Development Administration Planning Grant to complete a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the City. This will double as the Economic Development element for the forthcoming Comprehensive Plan Update.

Information for Consideration:

The City issued a RSQ and put it out via MRSC Small Works Roster Vendor Directory. We received four responses. It was graded that Economic Growth Strategies was the most responsive bidder. This plan is needed so we can qualify for Federal Economic Development Administration funding and Growth Management Act dollars.

File Attachments

[Resolution No. 25-044 College Place Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.pdf \(194 KB\)](#)
[College Place Project List.pdf \(23 KB\)](#)
[College Place CEDS Final.pdf \(17.011 KB\)](#)

Subject :	5.02 AB 25177 - Resolution of Support for 2/10ths of 1% Proposal Ms. Esther Click & Ms. Garcia
Meeting :	Jul 8, 2025 - City Council Meeting - Cancelled

Category :	5. Action Items.
Access :	Public
Type :	Action
Preferred Date :	Jul 08, 2025
Absolute Date :	Jul 08, 2025
Fiscal Impact :	No
Recommended Action :	Make a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-045 supporting the 2/10ths of 1% Sales and Use Tax to fund essential emergency support at WESCOM serving Walla Walla County.

Public Content

Historical Perspective:

RCW 82.14.420 first became available in Washington State on August 1, 1999. This Washington State law authorizes counties to impose a sales and use tax for the purpose of funding emergency communications systems and facilities. This was to help fund the need for reliable critical infrastructure for emergency communication systems. It specifically allows for tax to be imposed to cover the costs of financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping, and improving emergency communications systems and facilities.

Information for Consideration:

1. These sales and use taxes allow for everyone, including our visitors, to contribute to the emergency communications system. The current funding model relies solely on the residents of Walla Walla County.
2. WESCOM has equipment that has not been replaced or upgraded since 1997.
3. The staffing model is the same since 1998. 12 dispatchers/ 3 supervisors. This is not conducive to the demands of our community.
4. The Sales and Use Tax has exemptions like any other sales tax. The most prominent ones include most groceries and prescriptions.

File Attachments

[Establishing a Sustainable Future for WESCOM RCW 82.14.420 \(1\).pptx \(8,422 KB\)](#)
[Resolution No. 25-045 Supporting WESCOM Sales and Use Tax.pdf \(194 KB\)](#)

6. Administrative Reports.

Subject :	6.01 AB 25178 - Freedom Festival Report - Ms. Garcia
Meeting :	Jul 8, 2025 - City Council Meeting - Cancelled
Category :	6. Administrative Reports.
Access :	Public
Type :	Discussion, Information

Public Content

Historical Perspective:

College Place Freedom Festival is an annual event that was started in 2018 and has run fairly consistently over the years since then, except for a few years' recession due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. Freedom Festival appears to have always featured live music, vendors, and a fireworks show sponsored by Columbia REA.

Information for Consideration:

This year, Deputy City Clerk Beardemphl and City Clerk Garcia decided to deviate from previous years vendors which were mostly informational and/or political. We had 30 vendors this year including more than 25 were retail and food vendors. This year, Paris Olympics Silver Medalist Kenneth Rooks attended the event and made an official appearance. Mr. Rooks received a warm welcome and Key to the City from Mayor Hernández, did a Community Q&A, signed autographs and did photos in front of the backdrop we made for him, and ran a few laps around the track.

File Attachments

[2025 Freedom Festival Kenneth Rooks Announcement.png \(2.577 KB\)](#)

[Freedom Fest Flyer.png \(2.246 KB\)](#)

[Press Release - Silver Medal Olympian Kenneth Rooks to Appear at Freedom Fest.pdf \(164 KB\)](#)

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Subject :	6.02 AB 25179 - Upcoming Community Events - Ms. Garcia
Meeting :	Jul 8, 2025 - City Council Meeting - Cancelled
Category :	6. Administrative Reports.
Access :	Public
Type :	Information

Public Content

Historical Perspective:

The City puts on several community events per year in an effort to build community, identity, and recreation.

Information for Consideration:

Remaining events for the rest of the year are:

Thursdays until 9/25/2025: Market in the Park

- 7/12/2025 - Movies @ The Park: Top Gun Maverick
- 8/2/2025 -Movies @ The Park: Wicked
- 8/23/2025 -Movies @ The Park: E.T.
- 9/13/2025 -Movies @ The Park: Coco
- TENTATIVE 9/27/2025 -Movies @ The Park: Fern Gully (rescheduled due to weather)
- TENTATIVE 10/11/2023 - Artful Celebration (CoWalla related)
- 10/31/2025: Trunk or Treat
- 12/4/2025: Winterfest

File Attachments

[Top Gun.jpg \(188 KB\)](#)
[Wicked.jpg \(184 KB\)](#)
[E.T.jpg \(188 KB\)](#)
[Coco.jpg \(232 KB\)](#)
[MitP Vendor Flyer.png \(2.606 KB\)](#)
[2025 Winterfest.png \(2.043 KB\)](#)
[2025 Trunk or Treat Flyer \(2\).png \(793 KB\)](#)

7. Informational Reports - None.

8. Executive Session - None.

9. Closing Items.

Subject :	9.01 Good of the Order?
Meeting :	Jul 8, 2025 - City Council Meeting - Cancelled
Category :	9. Closing Items.
Access :	Public
Type :	Discussion, Information
Subject :	9.02 Conclusion - Motion to Conclude the Meeting.
Meeting :	Jul 8, 2025 - City Council Meeting - Cancelled
Category :	9. Closing Items.
Access :	Public
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Motion to conclude the meeting