City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Electronic) (Tuesday, July 22, 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; Tito Espinoza; Loren Peterson; Heather Schermann; Monica Boyle
Staff-	City Attorney, Eric Ferguson; Community Development Director, Jon Rickard; Capital Project Manager, Mike Holden; City Clerk, Maryelizabeth E. Garcia; Finance Director, Brian Carleton
Also Present -	GMP Solutions Recruitment Advisor, Dave Zabell; WESCOM Manager, Esther Click;
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Paul Jessup; Melodie Williams;

Procedural: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 1.04 Public Comment - None.

2. Consent Agenda.
Action (Consent): 2.01 AB 25183 - Approve Agenda for July 22, 2025.
Action (Consent), Minutes: 2.02 AB 25184 - Approve Council Minutes from June 24, 2025.
Action (Consent), Minutes: 2.03 AB 25185 - Approve Council Workshop Minutes from July 1, 2025
Action (Consent): 2.04 AB 25186 - Accepting the Resignation of Council Member Jessup from Council Position #1 Effective July 29, 2025
Action (Consent): 2.05 AB 25187 - 2025 Salary Ordinance Update - Ms. Doering & Ms. Schmick
Action (Consent): 2.06 AB 25188 - January 2025 Financials
Action (Consent): 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.

Council Member Boyle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Council Member Cleveland and the motion passed 5-0.

3. Presentations.
Discussion, Information: 3.01 AB 25189 - YMCA Dept of Commerce Grant for Childcare Center at Lions Park Community Center - Ms. Hedine
Ms. Hedine was not present at this meeting and will present on this topic at the August 5, 2025 Council Workshop.

4. Public Hearings.
Procedural: 4.01 Procedure for Public Testimony
Action: 4.02 AB 25190 - Public Hearing - Adoption of the FY 2026 to 2031 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) - Mr. Holden
Mr. Holden gave a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2026 to 2031 Transportation Improvement Plan, noting six primary projects slated for 2026.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Hernández opened the public hearing at 7:10 PM

Testimony: None.

Council Member Espinoza made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:11PM. Second by Council Member Cleveland and the motion passed 5-0.

5. Action Items.
Action: 5.01 AB 25191 - Adopt Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)- Mr. Saldana & Ms. Garcia
Mr. Saldana presented to Council the final draft of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) with the requested updates included.

Council Member Espinoza made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-044 adopting the College Place Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and incorporating the CEDS as the Economic Development portion of the upcoming Comprehensive Plan update. Second by Council Member Boyle and the motion passed 5-0.

Action: 5.02 AB 25192 - Resolution of Support No. 25-045 for Walla Walla County Proposition No. 1 Emergency Communication Systems and Facilities Sales and Use Tax—The Board of County Commissioners of Walla Walla County adopted Resolution No. 25 074, concerning an emergency communication systems sales and use tax. As authorized by RCW 82.14.420, these funds must be used solely for the purpose of providing funds for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping, and improvement of emergency communication systems and facilities. If approved, the proposition would increase the sales and use tax within Walla Walla County by two-tenths of one percent – Ms. Esther Click
Ms. Esther Click, Manager of Walla Walla Emergency Services Communications Center attended the Council meeting after having previously presented to Council on June 24, 2025. described the work WESCOM does at the June City Council Meeting.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Boyle made a motion to approve Resolution of Support No. 25-045 supporting Walla Walla County Proposition No. 1 Emergency Communication Systems and Facilities Sales and Use Tax—The Board of County Commissioners of Walla Walla County adopted Resolution No. 25-074, concerning an emergency communication systems sales and use tax. As authorized by RCW 82.14.420, these funds must be used solely for the purpose of providing funds for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping, and improvement of emergency communication systems and facilities. If approved, the proposition would increase the sales and use tax within Walla Walla County by two-tenths of one percent.. Second by Council Member Schermann and the motion passed 5-0.

Action: 5.03 AB 25193 - Adoption of the FY 2026 to 2031 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) - Mr. Holden
Mr. Holden referred back to the previous presentation on the Fiscal Year 2026 - 2031 Transportation Improvement Plan.

Council Member Cleveland made a motion to adopt Resolution #25-046 which adopts FY 2025 to 2030 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Second by Council Member Peterson and the motion passed 5-0.

Action: 5.04 AB 25194 - Resolution of Support for Eminent Domain Proceedings – Mr. Ferguson
Mr. Ferguson presented to Council on the acquisition of property relating to the Mojonnier Road Improvement Project. Mr. Ferguson stated Eminent Domain Proceedings is a very strict process in compliance with RCW 8.25.290.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Peterson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-047 in support of beginning eminent domain proceedings on the McKiernan Property pursuant to RCW 8.25.290. Second by Council Member Cleveland and the motion passed 5-0.

6. Administrative Reports.

Discussion, Information: 6.01 AB 25195 - Freedom Festival Report - Ms. Garcia
Ms. Garcia provided the Council with an after action review of Freedom Festival.

Discussion ensued.

Information: 6.02 AB 25196 - Upcoming Community Events - Ms. Garcia
Ms. Garcia announced community events and activities planned for the rest of 2025.

Discussion, Information: 6.03 AB 25197 - City Administrator Recruitment Kick-Off - Dave Zabell, GMP Consultants
Mr. Dave Zabell of GMP Consultants introduced himself and his colleagues at GMP Consultants. Mr. Zabell reviewed the prospective recruitment timeline and methods of recruitment.

Discussion ensued.

7. Informational Reports.
Information: 7.01 CPPD Monthly Report

8. Executive Session - None.

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 8:09 PM. Second by Council Member Peterson and, with no objection, the meeting adjourned.**

Approved:

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

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Maryelizabeth Garcia
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Maryelizabeth E. Garcia - City Clerk

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