

#2181 Regular City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Online) Template (Tuesday, April 28, 2026)

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1. Opening Items.

Procedural: 1.01 Call To Order

Mayor Hernández called the #2180 regular City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Procedural: 1.02 Roll Call

PRESENT:		
	Mayor -	Norma L. Hernández
	Council Members –	Michael Cleveland; Monica Boyle; Nadine Stecklein; Jordan Green
	Staff-	Capital Projects Manager, Mike Holden, City Administrator, Troy Rayburn; City Clerk, Carolyn Holm; Community Development Director, Jon Rickard; Finance Director, Brian Carleton; Human Resources Manager, Amber Brooker
	Staff present via Zoom-	
MEMBERS EXCUSED:		Heather Schermann,

Procedural: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hernández led the room in the pledge of allegiance.

Information: 1.04 Public Comment -

City Clerk Holm reported there were no public comment requests.

2. Consent Agenda.

Action (Consent): 2.01 AB 26068 - Approve Agenda 4/28/2026

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2.02 AB 26069 - Approve Council Minutes 4/14/2026

Action (Consent): 2.03 AB 26071 - Excusing the Absence of Council Member Schermann

Action (Consent): 2.04 AB 26072 November 2025 Financials

Action (Consent): 2.05 AB 26073 NOANet Internet Contract

Action (Consent): 2.06 AB 26075 Appoint Council Member Schermann as Mayor Pro Tem

Action (Consent): 2.07 AB 26076 Appoint Jim Fry to Planning Commission

Action (Consent): 2.08 AB 26077 Appoint Jessica Benzel to the Salary Commission

Action (Consent): 2.09 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 Green and the motion passed 4-0.

3. Action Items.

Action: 3.01 AB 26074 Procurement of Professional Services for the Davis/ Whitman Pedestrian Bicyclist Improvements Project- Mr. Holden

The project will extend pedestrian lighting from College Avenue down Whitman Street and south along Davis Street to SW 6th Street, improving safety for WWU students, Davis Elementary, and Walla Walla Valley Schools. It includes installing two new RRFB pedestrian crossings at SW 4th and Davis, and at Davis and Whitman. Additional work involves upgrading and infilling sidewalks along Davis and Whitman to meet WSDOT Pedestrian Level of Traffic

Stress (PLTS) standards of 1 or 2. The consultant will also analyze existing street lighting and design necessary improvements to ensure required illumination levels are met throughout the project area.

Council Member Cleveland made a motion to award the professional services contract for the Davis/Whitman Dr. Pedestrian and Bicyclist Improvements Project to PBS Engineering (APEX) in the amount of \$ 198,950.25 which consists of engineering, pedestrian lighting design, curb ramp design, street lighting design, RRFB design, cultural resource assessment, and public involvement. Also authorize public works director or designee to sign contract documents. Second by Council Member Stecklein and the motion passed 4-0.

4. Informational Reports.

Information: 4.01 Administrator Update – Mr. Rayburn

City Administrator Troy Rayburn provided an overview of current City projects and activities. The Community Grants process is nearing completion. He is also scheduled to deliver speeches for the Kiwanis and Exchange Clubs and will lead the prayer at the upcoming Prayer Breakfast. The Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission is scheduled to meet on Monday. City Attorney interviews are underway. The Union-Bulletin has notified the city of an upcoming article regarding Council vacancies.

Information: 4.02 Police Department Monthly Report

Informational reports were provided in the agenda packet.

Information: 4.03 Community Development Department Monthly Report

Informational reports were provided in the agenda packet.

5. New and Unfinished Business

Discussion, Information: 5.01 Good of the Order?

No other discussion topics were mentioned.

6. Closing Items

Action: 6.01 Conclusion - Motion to Conclude the Meeting.

Mayor asked for a motion. Council Member Green made a motion to conclude the meeting at 6:13 PM. Second by Council Member Cleveland and with no objection, the meeting concluded.

Approved:

Norma L. Hernández – Mayor

Attest:

Carolyn Holm – City Clerk

The foregoing minutes are the official record of the City Council meeting that occurred April 28, 2026. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.