

Special City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Online) Template (Wednesday, May 20, 2026)

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1. Opening Items.

Procedural: 1.01 Call To Order

Mayor Hernández called the Special City Council meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Procedural: 1.02 Roll Call

PRESENT:

Mayor - Norma L. Hernández

Council Members – Heather Schermann-Mayor Pro-Tem, Michael Cleveland; Monica Boyle; Nadine Stecklein; Jordan Green

Staff- City Administrator, Troy Rayburn; City Clerk, Carolyn Holm; Human Resources Manager, Amber Brooker

Procedural: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hernández led the room in the pledge of allegiance.

Information: 1.04 Public Comment -

City Clerk reported there were no public comments.

2. Presentations.

Information: 2.01 AB 26087 Council positions #4 and #5 Interview Process - Mayor Hernández

Mayor Hernández reviewed the process for the interviews and actions to appoint two candidates. Interviews can be up to 15 minutes per applicant.

The two open council positions were created by the resignation of Loren Peterson effective April 12, 2026, and Melodie Williams effective April 20, 2026.

3. Candidate Interviews

Information: 3.01 AB 26088 Random Draw Order of Interview- City Clerk

Candidates were randomly selected for the interview order prior to the Council Meeting. The following is an alphabetical list of candidates who submitted applications.

E. David Lopez

Dana M Evans, JD

Richard Gilliland

Timothy Wang

Duane Wright CFE CPA

Discussion, Information: 3.02 AB 26090 Candidate Interview #1 - E. David Lopez

Discussion, Information: 3.04 AB 26091 Candidate Interview #3 Richard Gilliland

Discussion, Information: 3.06 AB 26092 Candidate Interview #5 - Dana M. Evans, JD

Discussion, Information: 3.05 AB 26093 Candidate Interview #4 - Timothy Wang

Discussion, Information: 3.07 AB 26094 Candidate Interview #6 - Duane Wright CFE CPA

Information: 3.03 AB 26089 Candidate Interview #2- Derek Benzal-withdrawn

4. Executive Session.

Discussion: 4.01 AB 26095 Adjourn to Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. However, any interview of such candidate and final action appointing a candidate to elective office shall be in a meeting open to the public.

Council exited for the Executive Session at 6:56 p.m. Mayor Hernández announced Council will return at 7:18 p.m.

Council requested another 5 minutes to discuss the interviews and qualifications at 7:13 p.m.

Council returned at 7:18 p.m. and Mayor Hernández called the special council meeting to order.

5. Action Items.

Action: 5.01 AB 26096 Council Position #4 Appointment - Mayor Hernández

Mayor Hernández requested nominations and motions for Council Position #4 from Council Members.

Council Member Cleveland made a motion to nominate David Lopez to Council position #4. Second by Council Member Stecklein and the motion passed 5-0.

Action: 5.02 AB 26097 Council Position #5 Appointment - Mayor Hernández

Mayor Hernández requested nominations and motions for Council Position #5 from Council Members.

Council Member Schermann made a motion to nominate Dana Evans to Council position #5. Second by Council Member Boyle and the motion passed 5-0.

Council Member Dana Evans was administered the Oath of Office.

Council Member David Lopez Oath of Office will be administered at the May 26, 2026, regular City Council Meeting.

6. New and Unfinished Business

Discussion, Information: 6.01 Good of the Order?

- Farmers Market is coming up this coming Thursday, May 28, 2026 from 4-7 p.m. in Lion's Park. The Lions Club Duck Derby will also be occurring on opening market day.
- Spring Block Party this past Sunday, May 17, 2026, was a huge success.
- Public Works Week is this week. Let's celebrate our Public Works staff and how hard they work.
- Visit Walla Walla-Valley Tourism Exchange occurs on June 4th at Lions Park alongside Market in the Park.

7. Closing Items.

Action: 7.01 Conclusion - Motion to Conclude the Meeting.

Mayor asked for a motion. Council Member Stecklein made a motion to conclude the meeting at 7:29 PM. Second by Council Member Boyle 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 May 20, 2026. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.