City Council Workshop (Tuesday, February 4, 2020)
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PRESENT:	Mayor	Norma L. Hernández
	Council Members	Michael Cleveland, Loren Peterson (left at 7:36 PM), Melodie Selby, Heather Schermann, Byron Trop
	City Attorney	Rea Culwell (Arrived at 6:50 PM)
	Staff	Administrator, Mike Rizzitiello; Finance Director, Brian Carleton; Fire Chief, David Winter; City Clerk, Lisa Neissl;
MEMBERS EXCUSED:		Marge Nyhagen
MEMBERS ABSENT:		Jerry Bobbitt

1. Opening Items.

Mayor Hernández called the workshop to order at 5:30 PM.

Procedural: 1.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2. Workshop Topics.

Procedural: 2.01 Drill Tower Presentation
Fire District 4 Chief, Rocky Eastman spoke to Council about the need to renovate the drill tower that all three local agencies use. The three agencies (Fire District 4, City of Walla Walla Fire, and College Place Fire) would like to share costs of the proposed drill ground. District 4 would pay the initial costs with the other two agencies paying back their share over a three to five-year period. He then introduced Captain John Knowles of the Walla Walla City Fire Department who gave a presentation on the training requirements all departments must meet as well as how those needs are met now compared to what the proposed drill ground could provide.
Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information, Procedural: 2.02 Indigent Defense Contract Addendum -
Ms. Rachel Cortez spoke to Council about her request for an increase in the compensation for indigent defense services. She noted the increase in case load and the rate contracted with the conflict defense attorney.
Council Members asked questions.
Council asked that she bring back more information to show the numbers to back up her request for an increase with such a large discrepancy over what she is currently paid and what the comparable cities pay their contracted indigent defense attorneys.

Discussion, Information, Procedural: 2.03 FY 2020 Legislative Session Update -
Mr. Rizzitiello gave an overview of the current legislative session and his trip to Olympia for AWC City Action Days. He noted transportation resources may be effected by the passing of I-976. He encouraged members to reach out to the Governor and Dept. of Transportation regarding the need to move forward with phase 7 of the Hwy 12 project. He noted several bills to watch regarding programs that could positively impact development incentives.
Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information, Procedural: 2.04 Lions Park Community Center Lease with College Place Lions Club -
Mr. Rizzitiello reviewed a proposed lease with the College Place Lions Club for the building at Lions Park. Their previous 20-year lease ends at the end of this month. He noted the differences between the new agreement and the old one, specifically the length of time changing to five-year increments.
Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information, Procedural: 2.05 City Council Training

Mr. Rizzitiello shared a presentation that was given at the Washington City/County Management Association on council rules. He reviewed the OPMA, PRA, and recent changes to the PRA from legislation passed in 2017. He then continued into the first part of a discussion on Finance & Budget which will be continued at an upcoming workshop.
Discussion ensued.

Mayor Hernández adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Approved:

Norma L. Hernández

Norma L. Hernández – Mayor

Attest:

Lisa R. Neissl

Lisa R. Neissl – City Clerk

The foregoing minutes are the official record of the City Council workshop that occurred February 4, 2020. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.