

City Council Joint Workshop - College Place & Walla Walla - Hybrid (In-Person & Electronic) (Monday, August 22, 2022)

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1. Opening Items.

Procedural: 1.01 Call To Order

Mayor Hernández called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Procedural: 1.02 Roll Call

PRESENT:

Mayor - College Place - Norma L. Hernández
Walla Walla - Tom Scribner
Council Members – College Place - Paul Jessup, Michael Cleveland, Loren Peterson, Melodie Williams, Monica Boyle
Walla Walla - Steve Moss, Brian Casey, Rick Eskil, Ted Koehler, Gustavo Reyna
College Place - Administrator, Mike Rizzitiello;
Finance Director, Brian Carleton;
Staff - Public Works Director, Robert McAndrews;
Police Chief, Troy Tomaras;
Community Development Director, Jon Rickard;
City Clerk, Lisa Neissl;
Walla Walla - City Manager, Nabil Shawa;
Deputy City Manager, Elizabeth Chamberlain

Also present - Alex Fazzari, JUB Engineers
Kip Kelly, Port of Walla Walla Commissioner
College Place - Heather Schermann, Tito Espinoza Jr.
Walla Walla - Susan Nakonieczny,

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Procedural: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 1.04 Public Comment -

Richard McFarland submitted a written comment regarding agenda item 2.06 Fireworks.

2. Workshop Topics.

Discussion, Information: 2.01 Regional Wastewater Approach Update -

Mr. Fazzari of JUB Engineers presented the Walla Walla Valley Regional Wastewater Feasibility Study covering the status updates and key decision points for the Councils to consider if College Place were to pump its sewage to the Walla Walla's wastewater treatment plant and College Place's alternative options. Additionally, council members inquired as to the potential for the City of Walla Walla to reuse the water in the future, who would own the wastewater being pumped to the wastewater treatment plant, and recommended that the cities hire outside legal representation to discuss the matter.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Shawa recommended that the Councils attend a road trip to observe various models of wastewater management.

Discussion, Information: 2.02 Broadband Update -

Mr. Shawa informed the Council Members that Walla Walla has completed the franchise request from Zipey Fiber. Mr. Shawa received an email informing the administrator that construction in Walla Walla is anticipated to start in November with a projected service launch in January 2023. In addition, the College Place preliminary design work is in progress, Zipey has received the conduit design from the City, are determining if the conduit resource can be leveraged in the design, and are determining associated costs.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 2.03 Sales Tax Revenue Sharing Concept Update -

Mr. Shawa informed the Councils that research of the sales tax revenue sharing concept between cities was not readily exemplified. As a result, Mr. Shawa reached out to Municipal Research & Services Center (MRSC) regarding any legal issues surrounding this concept. MRSC recommended that each City discuss the concept with their attorneys.

Discussion, Information: 2.04 Myra Road Corridor Planning -

Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Councils that while there continues to be discussion regarding the future reconstruction of the Myra Road corridor, the City of College Place is still waiting to hear if it was approved for grant funds.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 2.05 Growth Management Coordination Update -

Ms. Chamberlain reported that on July 20, 2022 the City of Walla Walla, City of College Place, Walla Walla County, and Department of Commerce representatives to discuss the best approach to the county wide policy update and growth management coordination. The parties decided that an interlocal agreement that would outline the responsibilities of each party as well as the funding structure. Ms. Chamberlain anticipates that the interlocal agreement will be brought before the Councils in the fall. Ms. Chamberlain also informed the Councils that there will be a work session on growth management on September 12, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

Discussion, Information: 2.06 Fireworks -

Mr. Shawa informed the Councils that complaints were brought up regarding fireworks in Walla Walla. Mayor Hernandez informed the Councils that in 2021 the City of College Place sent out a survey regarding the use of fireworks and found that the majority of residents want to allow fireworks between certain times and on certain days. The Councils discussed different approaches to regulate the use of fireworks within the two cities.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 2.07 Regional Fire Authority -

Mr. Shawa informed the Councils that there will be no discussion on Regional Fire Authority at this time.

3. Closing Items.Action: 3.01 Conclusion

Council Member Cleveland made a motion to conclude the meeting at 5:43 PM. Second by Member Williams, and with no objection, the meeting concluded.

Approved:

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Norma L. Hernandez

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Norma L. Hernandez – Mayor

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Sherri St. Clair

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Sherri St. Clair – City Clerk

The foregoing minutes are the official record of the College Place City Council joint workshop with the Walla Walla City Council that occurred August 22, 2022. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.