

City Council Workshop - Hybrid (In-Person & Electronic) (Tuesday, March 7, 2023)

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1. Opening Items.

Procedural: 1.01 Call To Order

Mayor Hernández called the workshop to order at 5:31 PM.

Procedural: 1.02 Roll Call

PRESENT:

Mayor - Norma L. Hernández

Council Members – Paul Jessup, Michael Cleveland, Tito Espinoza Jr. (arrived at 5:32 PM), Loren Peterson, Melodie Williams, Heather Schermann, and Monica Boyle

Administrator, Mike Rizzitiello; Finance Director, Brian Carleton; Public Works Director, Robert McAndrews; City Clerk, Sherri St. Clair

Staff -

Also Present

Krista Timm - Walla Walla Department of Community Health
Lucinda Richards - Trilogy Recovery Community
Alex Fazzari - JUB Engineers
Laine Lambarth - McKinstry
Jarred Coulter - McKinstry

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Procedural: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 1.04 Public Comment - None

2. Workshop Topics.

Discussion, Information: 2.01 Walla Walla Valley Blue Zones Tobacco Policy -

Ms. Timm and Ms. Richards presented to Council the Walla Walla Valley Blue Zone Tobacco Policy. Ms. Timm and Ms. Richards outlined their involvement in tobacco and drug prevention, current priorities, and future prevention.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 2.02 Wastewater Treatment Plant Update -

Mr. McAndrews informed the Council that the City of College Place will be hosting a joint Council Meeting with Walla Walla to continue discussing wastewater treatment plant regionalization on April 19, 2023 at 4:00 PM. FCS Group will be presenting different options for a joint sewer district, regionalization, and considering the formation of a "task force" to gain information on other joint sewer districts.

Discussion ensued.

It was noted that there is another meeting that may conflict with the April 19th date of the joint council workshop for some members of the council, therefore, Mr. McAndrews stated that he would check with the City of Walla Walla on the date.

Discussion, Information: 2.03 Solar Array Incident Overview - McKinstry -

Ms. Lambarth informed Council that one of the new solar panels caught fire on Sunday January 29, 2023. Ms. Lambarth informed the Council on what happened, their response, and the contributing factors. Ms. Lambarth also outlined preventative measures for the future.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 2.04 Pavement Rating Study -

Mr. Rizzitiello presented an overview of the recently conducted Pavement Rating Study. Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Council that the City can apply for grants to cover repair costs of roads that can be federally classified. However, repairs on local roads that do not qualify federally can be funded through a voter approved sales tax. Six years prior, the City created a Transportation Benefit District but a revenue source was never applied.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 2.05 FY 2023 Community Grant Program Recommended Allocations -

Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Council that the Ad-Hoc Committee has graded the eight applications received for the Community Grant Program. Mr. Rizzitiello presented the eight applicants, how much each applicant requested, and funding recommendations from the Committee.

Discussion ensued.

3. Closing Items.

Discussion, Information: 3.01 Good of the Order

Council Member Williams shared with the Council and staff that a member of the community commented that they were happy to see what is happening in the City of College Place and that the City has formed its owned identity.

Procedural: 3.02 Conclusion

Mayor Hernández concluded the workshop at 6:58 PM.

Approved:

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Norma L. Hernández

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Norma L. Hernández – 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 City Council Workshop that occurred March 7, 2023. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.