

City Council Workshop - Hybrid (In-Person & Electronic) (Tuesday, February 6, 2024)

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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 Oath of Office - Paul Jessup - Council Position 1 -

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Paul Jessup.

Procedural: 1.03 Roll Call

PRESENT:

Mayor - Norma L. Hernández

Council Members – Paul Jessup; Tito Espinoza Jr.; Loren Peterson; Melodie Williams, Heather Schermann, Monica Boyle

Staff- Finance Director, Brian Carleton; City Attorney, Rea Culwell; Community Development Director, Jon Rickard; Fire Chief, David Winter; Police Sergeant, Salvador Diaz; Police Sergeant, Dylan Schmick; City Clerk, Sherri St. Clair; Deputy City Clerk, Athen Reid.

Also Present -

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Michael Cleveland

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Procedural: 1.04 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 1.05 Public Comment - None

2. Workshop Topics.

Discussion, Information: 2.01 Washington Secretary of State Organize the File Room Grant -

Ms. St. Clair informed the Council that the City had applied for the Secretary of State Organize the File Room Grant in May of 2023, however, the City was not awarded the grant. The Secretary of State is currently accepting grant applications and the City would like to apply again for the Organize the File Room grant.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion: 2.02 Development Agreements - Community Development -

Ms. Culwell informed the Council that the City anticipates large private land use developments in the future. Ms. Culwell informed the Council that development agreements are voluntary and can provide surety on what is expected of the land use and land use regulations. Furthermore, if the developer chooses to enter into a development agreement with the City, it is a binding agreement that will follow with the land if the developer chose to sell or transfer the property. Mr. Rickard noted that each

development agreement would be customized depending on the characteristics of the development application received.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion: 2.03 Ground Transport Services Lease Agreement -

Ms. Culwell informed the Council that when Life Flight is unable to fly, they ask the City's emergency services for ground transportation. When this occurs, the City bills the patient that was transferred. However, the City would like to have an agreement with Life Flight that the City will be compensated from Life Flight for services rather than billing the patient. Ms. Culwell also noted that there are currently some liability concerns that the City would like to address.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion: 2.04 Establishing Mandatory Minimums for Repeat Retail Theft - Combating Retail Theft -

Ms. Culwell informed the Council that there has been an increase in theft, repeat offenders, and the sophistication of thefts from Walmart. The City is looking to reduce the amount of thefts by increasing penalties. Sergeant Schmick provided information on the College Place Police Department's experience and response to retail theft within the City.

Discussion ensued.

3. Closing Items.

Discussion, Information: 3.01 Good of the Order

Council Member Boyle informed the Council that the College Place High School girls basketball team are second seed in the district and are hosting the Naches Valley this evening. Member Boyle noted that the game is in the second quarter and encouraged everyone to go support the team.

Procedural: 3.02 Conclusion

Mayor Hernández concluded the workshop to order at 6:28 PM.

Approved:

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Norma L. Hernandez

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Norma L. Hernández – Mayor

Attest:

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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 February 6, 2024. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.