

City Council Workshop - Hybrid (In-Person & Electronic) (Tuesday, June 4, 2024)

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1. Opening Items.

Procedural: 1.01 Call To Order

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

Procedural: 1.02 Roll Call

PRESENT:

Mayor - Norma L. Hernández

Council Members – Paul Jessup; Michael Cleveland; Tito Espinoza Jr.; Loren Peterson; Heather Schermann; Monica Boyle

Staff- City Administrator, Michael Rizzitiello; City Clerk, Sherri St. Clair.

Also Present - Brian Hansen of Anderson Perry & Associates Inc.
Chloe Svilich of College Place High School

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Melodie Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Procedural: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 1.04 Public Comment - None

2. Workshop Topics.

Discussion, Information: 2.01 Anderson Perry Student Scholarship -

Mayor Hernandez introduced Brian Hansen of Anderson Perry and Associates Inc. Mr. Hansen provided information to Council about the Anderson Perry Student Scholarship and announced Ms. Svilich as the recipient, her scholastic achievement, and plans for the future. Mayor Hernández presented Ms. Svilich with her scholarship certificate.

Discussion, Information: 2.02 State of the City -

Mayor Hernandez presented the State of the City.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 2.03 Coalla Creative District Certification -

Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Council that the Cities of Walla Walla and College Place are the first joint municipal creative district in Washington. Partners of the project are creating a committee to complete the Creative District Launch Checklist. Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Council that the Cities will receive grant funds from ArtWa for district projects.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 2.04 Whitman Drive Egress Concept for ELDA WA CP LLC Development -
Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Council that there is an interest in developing the property on Whitman Drive behind Home Depot. This development would include a hotel/convention center and supporting businesses; this development would require the ability to freight to access the site. Initially, the developer wanted a right-in right-out off of Myra Road. However, the City of Walla Walla owns Myra Road and was not willing to allow a right-in right-out. Therefore, the City is considering a roundabout on Whitman Drive. Mr. Rizzitiello presented the Whitman Drive and Home Depot roundabout concept and financing options. Mr. Rizzitiello also informed the Council that the Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission as well as the Utilities and Transportation Advisory Commission have recommended the roundabout concept to the City Council.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 2.05 Early Design Concept SR 125 & College Ave/Aufte -
Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Council that Washington State has a Freight Mobility Board that accepts projects every 12 years. There are plans to develop land to the west of South College Avenue next to SR-125. Mr. Rizzitiello presented the SR-125 and College Avenue/Aufte Lane early concept of adding a double roundabout to allow access for the development. In addition, Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Council that the concept was recommended to Council by Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission as well as the Utilities and Transportation Advisory Commission.

Discussion ensued.

3. Closing Items.

Discussion, Information: 3.01 Good of the Order - None

Procedural: 3.02 Conclusion

Mayor Hernández concluded the workshop to order at 6:31 PM.

Approved:

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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 June 4, 2024. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.