

City Council Workshop - Hybrid (In-Person & Electronic) Template (Tuesday, October 1, 2024)

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1. Opening Items.

Procedural: 1.01 Call To Order

Mayor Hernández called the workshop to order at 5:34 PM.

Procedural: 1.02 Roll Call

PRESENT:

Chair - Mayor, Norma L. Hernández

Council Members – Paul Jessup; Michael Cleveland; Loren Peterson; Tito Espinoza Jr.; Melodie Williams

Staff- City Administrator, Michael Rizzitiello; Public Works Director, Robert McAndrews; Community Development Director, Jon Rickard; Police Chief, Troy Tomaras; Fire Chief, David Winter; City Attorney, Rea Culwell; Finance Director, Brian Carleton; City Clerk, Maryelizabeth E. Garcia.

Also Present - John Culton, John Culton Consulting; Brian Enslow, Artubus Consulting LLC; Zach Ratkai, Sageland Strategic LLC;

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Heather Schermann; Monica Boyle

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Procedural: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 1.04 Public Comment - None

2. Workshop Topics.

Information: 2.01 Life Saving Award Presentation - Chief Tomaras

Chief Tomaras presented the lifesaving award to Police Officers Adams and Dennis for their response to a medical emergency resulting in a full recovery.

Discussion, Information: 2.02 Ambulance Rate - Chief Winters

Chief Winters informed the Council of the proposed one-time Ambulance Rate increase and described how the proposed rate will mirror the rates of other ambulance services in the region. Chief Winters further elaborated on how recent legislation, in combination with the new rate, is the best situation for citizens of Washington State; Mayor Hernández praised the uniformity of regional rates and the collaborative efforts of the City of College Place.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 2.03 FY 2025 Federal Legislature Agenda - Mr. Culton

Mr. Culton informed the Council of the proposed Federal Legislative Agenda as it relates to the City of College Place and gave an estimated timeline for receipt of federal grant funding in March 2025.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 2.04 FY 2025 State Legislature Agenda - Mr. Enslow

Mr. Enslow informed the Council of the state of the State of Washington as it enters a new election year as well as a long legislative session. Mr. Enslow noted a \$7billion gap between projected spending and income, and discussed

how the City of College Place will strategically make requests for project funding as a result of the gap. Mr. Enslow praised the exemplary local, state, and federal planning efforts by the City of College Place.

Discussion Ensued.

Discussion, Information: 2.05 Strategic Plan - Mr. Ratkai

Mr. Ratkai informed the Council that, in the last month, 102 additional responses to the Community Survey have been received. Mr. Ratkai presented the former City of College Place Vision Statement and offered two suggestions for an updated Vision Statement. Council requested the Vision Statement to be further narrowed down to 1-2 sentences and refined to reflect the Council's commitment to the identified community priorities of Public Safety, Parks and recreation opportunities, and Economic Development. Council Member Williams suggested five key words for Council to focus on: Safe, Affordable, Resilient, Connected, and fun. Council Member Williams encouraged the College Place City Council Members meet with the Walla Walla University Board when they meet next. Mayor Hernández instructed Council Members to fabricate their own vision and mission statements, and to bring both statements to next City Council Meeting.

Discussion Ensued.

Discussion, Information: 2.06 FY 2025 to 2030 Capital Facility Plan - Mr. Rizzitiello

Mayor Hernández postponed the presentation until the next regular City Council Meeting on 10/8/2024 and instructed Council Members to read the documents and be ready for discussion of the Capital Facility Plan at that meeting.

Discussion, Information: 2.07 FY 2025 to 2030 Equipment Replacement Plan - Mr. Rizzitiello

Mayor Hernández postponed the presentation until the next regular City Council Meeting on 10/8/2024 and instructed Council Members to read the documents and be ready for discussion of the Equipment Replacement Plan at that meeting.

Discussion, Information: 2.08 FY 2025 to 2030 Information Technology Plan - Mr. Rizzitiello

Mayor Hernández postponed the presentation until the next regular City Council Meeting on 10/8/2024 and instructed Council Members to read the documents and be ready for discussion of the Information Technology Plan at that meeting.

3. Closing Items.

Discussion, Information: 3.01 Good of the Order

Procedural: 3.02 Conclusion

Mayor Hernández concluded the workshop to order at 8:05 PM.

Approved:

Signed by:

Norma L. Hernández

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Norma L. Hernández – Mayor

Attest:

Signed by:

MaryElizabeth Garcia

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MaryElizabeth E. Garcia - City Clerk

The foregoing minutes are the official record of the City Council Workshop that occurred October 1, 2024. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.