

City Council Workshop - Hybrid (In-Person & Electronic) Template (Tuesday, May 6, 2025)

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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:

Chair - Mayor, Norma L. Hernández

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

Staff - City Administrator, Michael Rizzitiello; Jon Rickard, Community Development Director; Eric Ferguson, City Attorney; Brian Carleton, Finance Director; City Clerk, Maryelizabeth E. Garcia; Chief of Police Troy Tomaras;

Also Present - Justin Baerlocher, J-U-B Engineers; Kirk Everett, Youth Advisory Commission Chair; Richard Best & Associates, ALTC Board

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Procedural: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 1.04 Public Comment - None.

2. Workshop Topics.

Information: 2.01 Older Americans Month Proclamation - Mayor Hernández

Mayor Hernández delivered the Older Americans Month Proclamation, noting this was requested by community members. Mayor Hernández presented the signed document to Mr. Richard Best.

Information: 2.02 National Police Week Proclamation - Mayor Hernández

Mayor Hernández delivered the National Police Week Proclamation and presented the signed document to College Place Chief of Police Troy Tomaras.

Information: 2.03 Bike Month Proclamation - Mayor Hernández

Mayor Hernández delivered the Bike Month Proclamation to Executive Director of the Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, Andy Gomez.

Discussion, Information: 2.04 State of the City - Mayor Hernández

Mayor Hernández delivered the annual State of the City Address and thanked all staff for working hard to accomplish goals.

Information: 2.05 Sister City Committee with Jungapeo, Mexico - Ms. Garcia & Mr. Everett

Ms. Garcia and Mr. Kirk Everett Ms. Garcia informed the Council of the Youth Advisory Commission's initiative to create a Sister City relationship with Jungapeo, Mexico and their plan to present to Council for consideration of adoption at the May 6, 2025 Council Workshop. Mr. Everett informed the Council of his recommendation to reach out to Melfi, Italy to establish a Sister City relationship based on their population size, agricultural lifestyle, and wine tourism.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information, Procedural: 2.06 Final Park Plan - Mr. Rickard & Ms. Smith

Mr. Rickard reviewed the Final Park Plan with Council to include development on current and future parks Stone Creek Park, Lead Better Park, Maple/Whitman Park, and Sunset Villas. Mr. Rickard stated the planned park developments focus on underserved areas and complies with ADA improvements.

Discussion, Information, Procedural: 2.07 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update - Mr. Rickard & Mr. Baerlocher

Mr. Rickard introduced Mr. Justin Baerlocher from J-U-B Engineers who presented the land capacity analysis update and stated the County is anticipated to adopt the plan this week. Mr. Baerlocher noted that College Place is growing faster than other areas in the region with 18.2% of county growth attributed to College Place.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information, Procedural: 2.08 Fire Station Renovation ESCO Work - Mr. Rizzitiello

Mr. Rizzitiello reviewed past history with the Fire Station Renovation project and informed Council of updates since the last presentation. Mr. Rizzitiello stated the City would like to complete this project now for the price savings as funding is currently secured and the updated proposal will be presented to Council at the next Council meeting.

Discussion, Information: 2.09 Diligent Community Implementation - Ms. Garcia

Ms. Garcia informed the Council that BoardDocs is being replaced with Diligent Community meeting software. A proposal was sent by the BoardDocs/Diligent Community parent Company, Diligent, outlining the digital migration. Ms. Garcia recommends migration to this new system to provide continuity and preserve historic data from BoardDocs.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 2.10 Takeaways from FY 2025 State Legislative Session - Mr. Rizzitiello

Mr. Rizzitiello reviewed key takeaways from the 2025 State Legislative session including investment in housing and the transfer of money from the Public Works Trust Fund, which could have ramifications on future grant opportunities for the City. Mr. Rizzitiello stated the Police Station project received \$1M in earmarked funds.

Discussion ensued.

3. Closing Items.

Discussion, Information: 3.01 Good of the Order

Procedural: 3.02 Conclusion

Mayor Hernández concluded the workshop at 7:33 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 May 6, 2025. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.