

City Council Workshop - Hybrid (In-Person & Electronic) (Tuesday, July 1, 2025)

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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:

Chair - Mayor, Norma L. Hernández

Council Members - Paul Jessup; Michael Cleveland; Heather Schermann; Monica Boyle

Staff - Interim City Administrator, Michael Matthias; Community Development Director, Jon Rickard; City Clerk, Maryelizabeth E. Garcia;

Also Present - Paul Saldana, Economic Growth Strategies

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tito Espinoza Jr.; Loren Peterson; Melodie Williams;

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Procedural: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 1.04 Public Comment - None.

2. Workshop Topics.

Information: 2.01 Welcome Interim City Administrator Michael Matthias - Mayor Hernandez

Mr. Matthias introduced himself and described his background with city management, and discussed what he intends to do for the City during his time as Interim City Administrator.

Discussion, Information: 2.02 Passage of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update - Mr. Saldana

Mr. Saldana presented to Council the final draft of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) which is scheduled to be presented to EDTEC on Monday, July 7 for final commission approval and recommendation to Council on July 8, 2025. Mr. Saldana described the five areas of focus for the CEDS which includes attract diverse businesses, encourage downtown development, foster collaboration with local institutions, enhance infrastructure and connectivity, and expand tourism opportunities. Mr. Saldana provided future evaluation criteria. Mayor Hernández requested final changes including updating Community Bank to Spokane Teachers Credit Union as well as the names of current City of College Place employees.

3. Closing Items.

Discussion, Information: 3.01 Good of the Order

Procedural: 3.02 Conclusion

Mayor Hernández concluded the workshop at 6:08 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 July 1, 2025. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.