

City Council Workshop - Hybrid (In-Person & Electronic) (Tuesday, August 5, 2025)

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1. Opening Items.

Procedural: 1.01 Call To Order

Mayor Hernández called the workshop to order at 5:32 PM.

Procedural: 1.02 Roll Call

PRESENT:

Chair - Mayor, Norma L. Hernández

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

Staff - Robert McAndrews, Public Works Director; City Clerk, Maryelizabeth E. Garcia.
Also Present - Karen Hedine, CEO of Walla Walla Valley YMCA; Spencer Montgomery, J-U-B Engineers; Dave Zabell, GMP Consultants; Lorraine Ralston, America's 250th in Washington State.

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Procedural: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 1.04 Public Comment - None.

2. Workshop Topics.

Discussion, Information: 2.01 YMCA Dept of Commerce Grant for Childcare Center at Lions Park Community Center - Ms. Hedine

Ms. Hedine introduced herself as the CEO of the YMCA and presented to Council the Washington State Department of Commerce Early Learning Facilities Grant Program which could help fund construction of Lions Park Community Building Childcare Center. Ms. Hedine informed the Council that this is a reimbursement grant and requires a 10-year lien, which ensures project completion by the City and dissolves after the grant period.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 2.02 Comprehensive Safety Action Plan - Mr. Spencer Montgomery (JUB)

Mr. Montgomery introduced himself and his role at J-U-B Engineers. Mr. Montgomery informed the Council of the process, timeline, and procedures the City has undergone to formulate the Comprehensive Road Safety Action Plan. In his work, Mr. Montgomery looked at all roads and intersections in College Place, and discovered that speed is the most important factor in crash severity.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 2.03 City Administrator Position Profile - GMP Consultants

Mr. Zabell stated that the preliminary staff and council interviews have been completed, and also discussed a Special Meeting with Council, the Mayor, and to be held in Executive Session. Council determined to hold a Special Meeting on September 22 at 7PM to select candidates to be interviewed for the City Administrator position.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 2.04 America's 250th in Washington State – Ms. Ralston & Ms. Garcia

Ms. Ralston introduced herself and the organization she is with, America's 250th in Washington State, which is a year-long series of events designed to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in the US. Ms. Ralston informed the Council that this is a decentralized, locally-led effort for which no state funding is available, and encouraged the Council to participate at little to no cost. The Council agreed to become a WSA250 partner, to read the full Declaration of Independence out loud, and to evaluate opportunities to participate in the four key service days and/or take part in some of the key programs.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 2.05 Procedure for Filling Vacancy on Council Position #1 - Ms. Garcia
Ms. Garcia reviewed the materials, process, and timeline for filling the vacancy on Council Position #1.

Discussion ensued.

3. Closing Items.

Discussion, Information: 3.01 Good of the Order

Mayor Hernández informed the Council that the August 12 regular meeting may be cancelled due to lack of discussion items.

Procedural: 3.02 Conclusion

Mayor Hernández concluded the workshop at 7:17 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 August 5, 2025. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.