

City Council Workshop - Hybrid (In-Person & Electronic) (Tuesday, September 2, 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 - David Lopez; Michael Cleveland; Tito Espinoza Jr.; Loren Peterson; Melodie Williams; Heather Schermann; Monica Boyle

Staff - Robert McAndrews, Public Works Director; Scott Mihalik, Assistant City Attorney; Maryelizabeth E. Garcia, City Clerk;

Also Present - Stanley Green, Resident

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Procedural: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 1.04 Public Comment - Additional Written Public Comments were received regarding concerns for the pond at Lions Park as well as alleged code enforcement violations, which was distributed to Council Members as required by RCW 42.30.240. Mr. Stanley Green appeared in-person to express distress at climate-related changes to the landscape in the City.

2. Workshop Topics.

Information: 2.01 BoardDocs Training - Ms. Garcia & Mr. Anthes

Ms. Garcia and Mr. Anthes provided basic training on logging in to BoardDocs and accessing documents via the tablets in Council Chambers.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 2.02 PRA Overview - Ms. Garcia & Mr. Ferguson

Ms. Garcia and Mr. Mihalik provided to Council a short synopsis of the Public Records Act.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 2.03 Updated 2025 Internal & External Committee Assignments - Ms. Garcia

Ms. Garcia informed the Council of changes to the 2025 Internal & External Committee Assignments.

Discussion, Information: 2.04 Discussion about use of City Equipment on Public Streets - Mr. McAndrews

Mr. McAndrews discussed with Council a gator that was approved by Council and purchased by the City to conduct maintenance. Mr. McAndrews stated that current regulations prohibit the use of UTVs on City streets and proposed an Ordinance allowing City staff to use the vehicles for City and emergency services.

Discussion ensued.

Procedural: 2.05 National Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation – Mayor Hernández

Mayor Hernández delivered the annual National Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation.

Procedural: 2.06 Constitution Week Proclamation - Mayor Hernández

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3. Closing Items.

Discussion, Information: 3.01 Good of the Order

Council Member Lopez expressed support for Hispanic Heritage Month and stated that the current enrollment at Walla Walla University is 26% Latino.

Procedural: 3.02 Conclusion

Mayor Hernández concluded the workshop at 6:32 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 September 2, 2025. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.