

College Place Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission- - Hybrid (In-Person & Electronic) (Monday, June 3, 2024)

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1. Opening Items

Procedural: 1.01 Call To Order

Chair Morehead called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.

Information: 1.02 Roll Call

PRESENT:

Commission Members	Tracy Warner; Kelli Leen; Allison Peck; Bruce Morehead
Ex- Officio	Arlene Alen - Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce City Administrator, Michael Rizzitiello
Staff	Finance Director, Brian Carleton; City Clerk, Sherri St. Clair

Also Present: Ben Hoppe of J-U-B Engineers

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Chloe Congleton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Case

Procedural: 1.03 Public Comment - None

2. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): 2.01 Approve Agenda for June 3, 2024

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2.02 Approve Minutes from May 6, 2024

Action (Consent), 2.03 Excusing the Absence of Commission Member Congleton

Action (Consent): 2.04 Approve Consent Agenda - Our adopted rules of Parliamentary Procedure, The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, provide for a consent agenda listing items for approval of the Commission by a single motion. Typically the items listed under the consent agenda are the minutes from previous meetings and the agenda for the current meeting. Documentation concerning these items has been provided to all Commission Members and the public in advance to assure an extensive and thorough review. Items may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any Commission Member.

Clerk note: Excusing the Absence of Commission Member Congleton was in the Consent Agenda but not stated as part of the consent agenda during the meeting. Member Allen raised her hand in favor of approving the consent agenda but did not vote verbally.

Commission Member Peck made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by Member Leen and the motion passed 4-0.

3. Guest Presentations

Discussion, Information: 3.01 Martin Airfield Area Study -

Mr. Rizzitiello introduced Mr. Ben Hoppe of J-U-B Engineers and informed the Commission that the City received a State Community Economic Revitalization Board grant to pay for the majority of a study for Martin Airfield. Mr. Hoppe gave a presentation on the the Martin Airfield Planning Study.

Discussion, Information: 3.02 Park Plan Survey -

Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Commission that the City's Park Plan will be expiring at the end of this year and that the City is required to have an active Park Plan to receive State Recreation Conservation Office grant funds. In addition, Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Commission that the City has created a survey for public input on the City's parks. Mr. Rizzitiello also noted that the major difference between the expiring Park Plan and the new Park Plan will be a focus on new parks rather than existing parks within the City.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion, Information: 3.03 FY 2024 Community Events -

Mrs. St Clair presented the upcoming College Place Community Events including the College Place Farmers Market, the College Place Freedom Festival, and Movies in the Park.

4. Action Agenda

Action: 4.01 Price Development -

Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Commission that a developer is interested in developing the property south of Home Depot. The developer would like to construct a hotel and convention center as well as supporting retail and restaurants. However, the developer needs access for freight to the potential developments. The City of Walla Walla owns Myra Road and was unwilling to allow a right-in right-out off of Myra Road. Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Commission that to alleviate the issue of freight access, the City has provided a design for a roundabout on Whitman Drive. In addition, Mr. Rizzitiello outlined potential funding sources for the project.

Commission Member Leen made a motion to recommend intersection design treatment to City Council. Second by Member Peck and the motion passed 4-0.

Action: 4.02 Conceptual Roundabout - State Route 125 & College Avenue/Aufte -

Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Commission that due to future developments planned in the State Route 125 (SR 125) and College Avenue/Aufte Ln area, the City has developed a conceptual design for a roundabout to allow access to the new development off of SR 125 and surrounding areas. Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Commission that the State Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board offers grant funding for projects such as this. However, the Board only puts out a call for projects once every twelve years. Mr. Rizzitiello presented other possible funding for the project.

Discussion ensued.

Commission Member Warner made a motion to recommend intersection design treatment to City Council. Second by Member Alen and the motion 4-0.

5. Staff Reports

Discussion, Information: 5.01 Coalla Creative District -

Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Commission that the Cities of Walla Walla and College Place are the first Creative District encompassing two cities in Washington State. ArtWalla will be the committee in charge of distributing grants funds between the two cities. ArtWalla will also be working on the Launch Checklist and Strategic Plan. In addition, Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Commission that creative district signs will be installed on SR 125 and Highway 12.

Discussion, Information: 5.02 June 2024 Development Activity -

Mr. Rizzitiello presented the June 2024 Development Activity outlining the commercial/industrial and residential developments within the City.

6. Closing Items

Information: 6.01 Next Meeting: July 1, 2024

Procedural: 6.02 Conclude

Commission Member Leen made a motion to conclude the meeting at 5:47 PM. Second by Member Peck and, with no objections, the meeting concluded.

Approved:

Bruce Morehead - Chair

Attest:

Sherri St. Clair – City Clerk

The foregoing minutes are the official record of the Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission meeting that occurred June 3, 2024. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.