

College Place Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission - Hybrid (In-Person & Electronic) (Monday, May 5, 2025)

Generated by Maryelizabeth Garcia on Friday, May 2, 2025

1. Opening Items

Procedural: 1.01 Call To Order

Commission Chair Peck called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

Information: 1.02 Roll Call

PRESENT:

Commission Members	Tracy Warner; Teri Lesmeister; Allison Peck; Kirk Amick; Doug Case;
Ex - Officio	Arlene Alen - Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce City Administrator, Michael Rizzitiello
Staff	Finance Director, Brian Carleton; City Clerk, Maryelizabeth Garcia
Also Present:	Ben Hoppe, J-U-B Engineers
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Kelli Leen;
MEMBERS ABSENT:	

Procedural: 1.03 Public Comment- None.

2. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): 2.01 Approve Agenda for May 5, 2025.

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2.02 Approve Minutes from April 7, 2025.

Action (Consent): 2.03 Excusing the Absence of Commission Member Leen.

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

Commission Member Amick made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by Commission Member Lesmeister and the motion passed 6-0.

3. Guest Presentations - None.

4. Action Agenda

Action: 4.01 Martin Airfield Area Planning Study - Mr. Rizzitiello

Mr. Rizzitiello reviewed with the Commission the final Martin Airfield Planning Study in a condensed form submitted by Mr. Hoppe from J-U-B Engineers.

Commission Member Case made a motion to recommend the Martin Airfield Planning Study to Council for adoption to the Comprehensive Plan as an Appendix. Second by Commission Member Alen and the motion passed 6-0.

5. Staff Reports

Reports: 5.01 Lions Park Dedication Ceremony - Ms. Garcia

Ms. Garcia informed the Commission of plans for the Lions Park Dedication Event. Ms. Garcia reported current plans to include the the opening day of the Market in the Park, the annual Fishing Derby in partnership with the College Place Lions Club, National Anthem performance by a local youth, a Land Welcome from Tribal Leader Jeanine Gordon, a traditional folkloric dance from the Ballet Folklorico Estrellas de Mexico, and food and drink giveaways from on-site vendors Happy Wanderer and The Soda Stop.

Discussion, Information: 5.02 Sister City Committee with Jungapeo, Mexico - Ms. Garcia

Ms. Garcia informed the Commission 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.

Information: 5.03 Chamber Charette Report - Mr. Rizzitiello/ Ms. Alen

Mr. Rizzitiello and Ms. Alen from the Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce presented the results of the Chamber Charette to the Commission.

Information: 5.04 Proposed College Place Code 10.18 - Truck Routes - Mr. Rizzitiello

Mr. Rizzitiello informed the Commission that creating a state freight route as an addition to the City Municipal Code emerged as a result of the Martin Airfield Planning Study. State freight maps never officially included any College Place city streets. This addition will designate Hwy 125, Myra Road, W Whitman Drive, and others as official City Freight Routes.

Discussion, Information: 5.05 Downtown Association Formation Update- Ms. Garcia

Ms. Garcia informed the Commission of updates to the Downtown College Place Association formation.

Discussion, Information: 5.06 Development Activity (May 2025) - Mr. Rizzitiello

Mr. Rizzitiello provided a brief overview of development activity in the month of April 2025, regarding commercial and residential developments within the City of College Place.

6. Closing ItemsInformation: 6.01 Next Meeting: June 2, 2025Procedural: 6.02 Conclude

Commission Member Amick made a motion to conclude the meeting at 5:25 PM. Second by Commission Member Lesmeister and with no objection, the meeting concluded.

Approved:

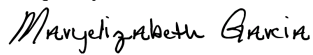
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Allison Peck – Chair

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MaryElizabeth E. Garcia – City
Clerk

The foregoing minutes are the official record of the Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission meeting that occurred May 5, 2025. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.