

#2187 Regular City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Online) (Tuesday, July 28, 2026)

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1. Opening Items.

Procedural: 1.01 Call To Order

Mayor Hernández called the #2187 regular City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Procedural: 1.02 Roll Call

PRESENT:

Mayor - Norma L. Hernández

Council Members – Heather Schermann-Mayor Pro-Tem, Michael Cleveland; Monica Boyle Dana Evans; David Lopez

Staff- City Clerk, Carolyn Holm; Community Development Director, Jon Rickard; Human Resources Manager, Amber Brooker; Capitol Projects Manager, Mike Holden

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Nadine Stecklein; Jordan Green;

Procedural: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hernández led the room in the pledge of allegiance.

Information: 1.04 Public Comment -

No public comments were received.

Steve Shulman, Walla Walla County Realtor was present in audience and requested to speak after the presentation by Deborah Flagan, Vice President Community Engagement-Hayden Homes.

2. Consent Agenda.

Action (Consent): 2.01 AB 26126 - Approve Agenda 7/28/26

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2.02 AB 26127 - Approve Council Minutes 7/14/2026

Action (Consent): 2.03 AB 26128 - Excusing the Absence of Council Member Green

Action (Consent): 2.04 AB 26129 - Excusing the Absence of Council Member Stecklein

Action (Consent): 2.05 AB 26130 February 2026 Financials

Action (Consent): 2.06 AB 26131 March 2026 Financials

Action (Consent): 2.07 AB 26132 Reappointment of Council Member Boyle to the Lodging Tax Advisory Commission

Action (Consent): 2.08 AB 26133 Reappointment of Anne-Marie Bauman to the Lodging Tax Advisory Commission

Action (Consent): 2.10 Approve Consent Agenda - Our adopted rules of Parliamentary Procedure, The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, provide for a consent agenda listing several items for approval of the Council by a single motion. Most of the items listed under the consent agenda have gone through previous review either during the budget process, at a workshop, or by subcommittee review and recommendation. Documentation concerning these items has been provided to all Council 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 Council Member.

Council Member Schermann made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Council member Cleveland and the motion passed 5-0.

3. Presentations.

Information: 3.01 AB 26135 Hayden Homes, Deb Flagan presentation

Deborah Flagan, Vice President Community Engagement-Hayden Homes was present to provide a housing overview presentation to Council.

Public Comment: Steve Shulman, Walla Walla County resident-Realtor stepped to the podium to provide information on a recent court case against Hayden Homes for the charitable covenants that are applied to all properties they build on. He provided a news article printed from the Attorney General's office related to the case and also the Assurance of Discontinuance legal document filed with the court to each Council member. He asked that the City not progress with issuance of permits for building until the covenants are removed from the properties. Mr. Shulman spoke 5 minutes.

Public Comment: Deborah Flagan, Vice President Community Engagement-Hayden Homes stepped to the podium after his public comment to ask that Council not hold on permitting due to some land/homeowners may be willing to submit the .0125% from their purchase which goes to First Story charitable program. Details of the First Story program are provided in her presentation attached to the packet. Ms. Flagan spoke 4 minutes.

Information: 3.02 AB 26136 Introduction to Draft 2026 Comprehensive Plan-Mr. Rickard

Mr. Rickard provided paper copies of the draft version of the 2026 Comprehensive Plan to each Council Member for review. He informed that the August workshop session will be to cover revisions to the plan, if needed.

4. Public Hearings.

Procedural: 4.01 Procedure for Public Testimony

Action: 4.02 AB 26137 Public Hearing - Adoption of the FY 2027 to 2032 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) - Mr. Holden

Mr. Holden provided an overview of the 2027 to 2032 Transportation Improvement Plan. He stated this list contains all projects the city would like to move forward and they are separated into sections: block resurfacing program, chip seal program, safe walk sidewalks improvement program, and overall projects. He also communicated in order to apply for funding for these projects they must be listed in this plan. The plan gets submitted annually after approved.

Mayor Hernández opened the public hearing at 6:46 PM

Testimony: None.

Council Member Boyle made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:47PM. Second by Council Member Evans and the motion passed 5-0.

5. Action Items.

Action: 5.01 AB 26138 Adoption of the FY 2027 to 2032 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) - Mr. Holden

Mr. Holden communicated that we need the plan approved and a resolution passed tonight in order to submit.

Council Member Lopez made a motion to approve Resolution 26-011 adopting the Fiscal Year 2027 to 2032 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Seconded by Council Member Boyle and the motion passed 5-0.

6. Informational Reports.

Information: 6.01 AB 26139 Police Department Monthly Report

Information: 6.02 AB 26140 Community Development Department Monthly Report

7. New and Unfinished Business

Discussion, Information: 7.01 Good of the Order?

Mayor Hernández communicated that Walla Walla County meeting to review the City's Urban Grown Application is set to occur August 11, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. She encouraged those Council Members and staff to be present or provide a public comment in support of the City's application, if they desire.

8. Closing Items.

Action: 8.01 Conclusion - Motion to Conclude the Meeting.

**Mayor asked for a motion. Council Member Lopez made a motion to conclude the meeting at 7:04 PM.
Second by Council Member Boyle and with no objection, the meeting concluded.**

Approved:

Norma Hernández

Norma Hernández (Aug 28, 2026 18:43:06 PDT)

Norma L. Hernández – Mayor

Attest:

Carolyn Holm

Carolyn Holm (Aug 31, 2026 10:30:20 PDT)

Carolyn Holm – City Clerk

The foregoing minutes are the official record of the City Council meeting that occurred July 28, 2026. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.