

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
COLLEGE PLACE CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Barrow called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. in the Chuck Fulton Community Room, 54 East Moore Street.

Present:

Walla Walla City Council: Councilmembers Barbara Clark, Jerry Cummins, Mary Lou Jenkins, Shane Laib, Chris Plucker and Mayor Jim Barrow.

Walla Walla City Council absent: Councilmember Conrado Cavazos, Jr.

College Place City Council: College Place City Councilmembers David Beamer, Steve Dickerson, William Jenkins, Alexander Scott, Bernie Yanke, and Mayor Rick Newby.

College Place City Council absent: Councilmembers Larry Dickerson and Marge Nyhagen.

Walla Walla City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Engineer Mike Laughery, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

College Place City staff in attendance: City Administrator Pat Reay and City Engineer Robert Gordon.

Also present: Greg Jellison, HDJ Consulting Engineers.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Myra Road at The Dalles-Military Road/12th Street project update.

Mr. Jellison provided an overview of the project including:

- Project goals.
- Proposed safety improvements.
- Proposed aesthetic improvements.
- Project schedule – working towards beginning construction Spring of 2013.

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- Overall project footprint and impact on Fort Walla Walla Park.
- Grading scheme and mitigating impacts on property owners.
- Review of the open houses held regarding the project on April 17. Consensus among all participants in the open houses is to go with construction staging option 1.
- Construction staging options. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. Options become more expensive when trying to accommodate staging to keep roadway open.
 - Option 1 – complete closure. Estimated project cost of \$2,350,000 to \$2,500,000.
 - Option 2 – partial closure. Estimated project cost of \$2,550,000 to \$2,850,000.
 - Option 3 – partial closure. Estimated project cost of \$2,700,000 to \$3,000,000.
- Next steps.
- Information on Fort Walla Walla Park including grading impacts, sledding hill, and visual enhancement. This design is the preferred option because of safety for pedestrians; fifty percent stormwater retention for the project; and snow plowing.

There was discussion on:

- Parity of mitigation measures for adjacent property owners.
- Difference between mitigation measures and enhancements.
- Parking for sledding area at Fort Walla Walla Park.
- Interface with third parties and impact on negotiations.
- Public notifications about traffic detours and delays.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.