

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
August 13, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at Heritage Square, 116 E. Main Street.

Present: Councilmembers Yazmin Bahena, Riley Clubb, Jerry Cummins, Myron Huie, Steve Moss, and Mayor Barbara Clark.

Absent: Councilmember Tom Scribner.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, Parks & Recreation Director Andy Coleman, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Transportation Engineer Monte Puymon, Civil Engineer Johnny LeMaster, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Review of Heritage Square Design.

City Manager Shawa and Parks & Recreation Director Coleman introduced Kris Snider and Jake Woland of HEWITT. Mr. Snider and Mr. Woland reviewed the conceptual design plans for Heritage Square park.

There was discussion on:

- Loss of parking in the conceptual design.
- Entryway to the park and loss of sidewalk area.
- Making First and Main a pedestrian “scramble” intersection.
- Having a mid-block pedestrian crossing on Main Street with a pedestrian “bulb out” at the entrance to Heritage Square.
- Possible funding sources for the project.
- Lighting within the park.
- Configuration of a stage area.
- Historic versus free-flowing design.
- Dual purpose seating components and structures for public discourse.
- Securing any movable chairs and tables.
- Water features.
- Phasing of project.

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- B. An overview of the improvements on Spokane Street between Main and Alder.

City Manager Shawa and Civil Engineer LeMaster described the proposed improvements on Spokane Street including the bridge replacement, undergrounding remaining utility lines, and correcting parking on the east side of Spokane Street for Americans with Disabilities Act sidewalk compliance. This project is proposed to be undertaken concurrently with the construction of the Penrose Hotel. The project cost, except for the bridge replacement, is approximately \$800,000. Staff will be seeking \$500,000 from the County/Port economic development fund.

There was discussion on the project and the feasibility of a "creative district" recently authorized by the State legislature.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.