

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
August 10, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scribner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Yazmin Bahena, Riley Clubb, Myron Huie, Ted Koehler, Steve Moss, Susan Smiley-Nakonieczny, and Mayor Tom Scribner.

Absent: None

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Parks & Recreation Director Andy Coleman, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Engineer Doug Eaton, Engineer Adam Klein, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

Consultants also present: Greg Jellison with PBS Engineers; Adam Schmidtgall with Anderson Perry & Associates; Scott Mansur with DKS Associates; Kate Thompson with Anderson Perry & Associates.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Potential design changes to the Alder/Poplar corridor plan.

Staff and Scott Mansur, DKS Associates, reviewed the proposed change to the Alder/Poplar corridor plan to include a roundabout at the Poplar/Palouse Street intersection and the reasons why this change is proposed. The South Palouse Street neighborhood has concerns with this change due to increased vehicular traffic. Staff recommends studying the Palouse Street corridor for additional traffic calming measures. There is no funding available in 2020 for this additional study but Council could amend the capital improvement project budget to fund the study in the next biennium.

There was discussion regarding pedestrian safety, adding flashing pedestrian beacons or, at a minimum, installing the conduit for the flashing beacons.

B. Park Street infrastructure repair and replacement/transportation benefit district project.

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Staff and Greg Jellison, PBS Engineering, provided an overview of the key design elements, project timeline, design alternatives, public outreach results, on-street parking, and street trees. It was suggested that flashing pedestrian beacons or, at a minimum the conduit, be installed on Park Street adjacent to Sharpstein Elementary School.

C. Third Town Hall meeting preparation.

Mayor Scribner described the order of business for the third Town Hall meeting as:

- Introductory comments by the Mayor.
- Presentation by City Manager Shawa.
- Presentation by Police Chief Bieber.
- Discussion by the City Council.

The Council concurred with this outline and suggested another Town Hall meeting for additional public input in October or November.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.