

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
September 8, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scribner called the virtual 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. (Councilmembers Bahena and Huie joined the meeting at 4:01 p.m.)

Absent: None

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Engineer Adam Klein, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

Also present: Andrew Byrd, Washington State Department of Transportation.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Update on State Route 125-Plaza Way intersection project.

Staff and Mr. Byrd provided an overview of the State Route 125-Plaza Way intersection project which will construct a roundabout at the intersection and replace the traffic signal at Plaza Way and Tietan Street. There was discussion regarding access to businesses in the area and traffic flow.

C. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.

Staff reviewed:

- Background.
- Self evaluation.
- Stakeholder engagement and participation.
- Barrier removal and implementation.
- Estimate of transition plans schedule.
- Summary of pertinent projects.

There were comments on the need for improvements and potential costs.

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- B. 2022-2027 financial planning for water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities.

Staff reported the next six-year planning period for water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities will be 2022 through 2027. This planning process is necessary to ensure continued operation and maintenance of the three utilities. While the next six-year planning effort will be similar to that conducted in 2015, this planning effort proposes to evaluate the cost of service for water and wastewater to align rates with the costs to serve the various customer classes (e.g. residential, commercial, industrial). In addition, staff proposes three other key elements be part of this effort:

1. Evaluate the Wastewater Industrial Pretreatment Program and wastewater strength charges (e.g. Port, Industrial, Wineries, etc.)
2. Develop a Strategic Plan for Wells
 - o Conduct conditions/needs assessment of the city's seven wells.
 - o Set the level of investment based on Level of Service (LOS)
 - LOS should consider water quality and quantity during an emergency;
 - Prioritize needs (upgrades, maintenance, operational readiness, etc.); and
 - Establish a long-term investment/strategic plan for the Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Program.
3. Satisfy the America Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) regulatory requirement:
 - o Perform water system risk assessment; and
 - o Develop water system emergency response plan.

There was discussion on projects and need to maintain infrastructure.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.