

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
October 26, 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 Nakonieczny, and Mayor Tom Scribner.

Absent: None

City staff in attendance: Deputy City Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

Also present: Mara Machulsky, State lobbyist.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Review and discuss the City's proposed 2020 State and Federal legislative priorities.

Staff reviewed the draft State legislative priorities for 2021 and provided clarification on the two-tenths of one percent Transportation Benefit District sales tax authorization that only allows the voters to renew the authorization one additional time.

There was discussion on:

- Asking the legislature to remove the sunset clause for the voter-approved sales tax increase for the Transportation Benefit District.
- The Clinton Street/Highway 12 improvements and potential actions for funding a diamond interchange.
- Adding a State priority regarding support for broadband infrastructure.

Staff reviewed the draft Federal legislative priorities for 2021.

There was brief discussion on transportation funding and the request for a fourth COVID-19 stimulus package.

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Staff reported the priorities will be corrected as necessary, reviewed again by the Legislative Committee, and then brought before Council on November 18 for adoption.

B. Public comments at regular City Council meetings.

After discussion, it was the consensus of a majority of Council to allow oral and/or video comments during the regular virtual City Council meetings.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.