

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
April 12, 2021

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: City Manager Nabel Shawa, Deputy City Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain, Human Resources Director Pam Taylor, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Proposed streatery and expanded outdoor seating pilot project guidelines.

Staff reviewed the proposed guidelines for continued operation of the streateries (parklets), design and operation standards, outreach efforts, and feedback.

There was discussion on the proposed guidelines and some of the suggestions offered to improve aesthetics and regain some of the lost parking spaces.

- B. Review proposal/concept to permit Bird Scooters within Walla Walla.

Staff introduced Michael Covato, Bird Scooters, who shared the logistics of the electric scooter rental operation.

There was discussion on business operations, the City is held harmless from liability, and safety measures in place for scooter operators.

Staff reported further analysis would be done and a recommendation formulated for future Council consideration.

- C. City facilities re-opening plan.

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Staff reviewed the proposed plan to reopen City facilities to the public on May 3 with in-person Council meetings commencing on June 7. If the Governor determines Walla Walla County will roll back to Phase 2 on May 3, there will be time for the plan to be altered.

D. Public art proposal by Innovations Charter School.

Staff introduced Anne Vallerga, Dean of Curriculum and Instruction, who outlined their proposal to paint a mural on the retaining wall along Rose Street at the City's park and shop lot and the benefit of this mural for both the students and community. This proposal was presented to the Arts Commission on April 7. There were comments on the process for approving public art and the difference between public art and a commercial painting.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.