

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Work Session Minutes**  
**February 7, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Present: Councilmembers Brian Casey, Rick Eskil, Ted Koehler, Steve Moss, Susan Nakonieczny (virtually), Gustavo Reyna, and Mayor Tom Scribner.

Absent: None

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, Deputy City Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Deputy Fire Chief Eric Woods, Deputy Fire Chief John Knowles, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Public Library Director Erin Wells, Deputy Public Works Director Mike Laughery, Paramedic Cody Maines, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

**2. ACTIVE AGENDA**

A. Update on community paramedic program and funding.

Staff provided an update on the work being done through the community paramedic program and the unmet needs with only one staff member. Funding has been identified that will likely cover the cost of a second community paramedic for the next ten months to have more of a positive impact on the community.

Council expressed their support for this program.

B. Explore expanding the library into Alder Street and the potential of a pedestrian plaza from Spokane Street to Palouse Street.

Staff outlined a proposed concept to shut down Alder Street between Palouse and Spokane Street for expansion of the library. Potential donors of a substantial contribution have come forward and would like to see the library expanded beyond the current addition being studied. This would require an amendment to the contract with SHKS Architects. The donors would cover half of the \$150,000 study. A resolution to authorize an amended contract with SHKS Architects will be brought before Council on February 9.

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C. Review 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Plaza final design.

Staff reviewed the final design concept for the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Plaza, next steps, and work with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indians. There was discussion on the construction making the plaza unusable during the highly used summer months and feasibility of delaying construction until fall. Concerns were also expressed with the limited amount of shade and the heat in the summer months. Flexibility during the bidding and construction phase was encouraged.

**3. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.