

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Work Session Minutes**  
**May 23, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Present: Councilmembers Rick Eskil, Ted Koehler, Steve Moss, Susan Nakonieczny, Gustavo Reyna, and Mayor Tom Scribner.

Absent: Councilmember Brian Casey.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabil Shawa, Deputy City Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain, Parks & Recreation Director Andy Coleman, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

**2. ACTIVE AGENDA**

A. Visit Walla Walla Tourism Report and Update.

Robert Hansen, Executive Director, and Cara Jacobson, Marketing Director, reviewed the work, community collaboration, and successes of Visit Walla Walla.

There was discussion on marketing and collaboration with community organizations and events.

B. Presentation on the need for creating a teen center.

Staff introduced College Place High School students Mateo Car, Zeke Durand, and Cooper Bissell who outlined the need for a teen center and their research that supports this need.

There were comments and suggestions to support continued efforts for a teen center.

C. Veteran's Affair Campus – ad hoc committee update.

Staff reported on the recent review and recommendation by the Federal Asset and Infrastructure Review Committee. Because of the potential for a reduction in services at the Jonathan Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center, it is advisable that an ad hoc committee be reformed to monitor and track any recommendations to reduce services.

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There was discussion and Council suggested the addition of members from the Washington State Veterans Administration, Catholic Charities, and the Blue Mountain Action Council. It is anticipated that the list of members of the ad hoc committee will be appointed by the Mayor.

**3. MEETING ENDS**

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 5:36 p.m.