

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Work Session Minutes**  
**October 31, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Present: Councilmembers Brian Casey (arrived at 4:15 p.m.), Rick Eskil, Ted Koehler, Steve Moss, Susan Nakonieczny, Gustavo Reyna, and Mayor Tom Scribner.

Absent: None

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

**2. ACTIVE AGENDA**

A. Review the Draft 2023 State and Federal Legislative Priorities  
Staff reported on the proposed priorities for the State and Federal legislative priorities. It was noted that some items are a collaborative priority with the Port and the County.

Staff reported on the proposed State and Federal legislative priorities. Including the process in how these priorities were selected for consideration with the legislative committee and lobbyist. It was noted that some items listed are a collaborative effort with other local agencies.

There was discussion on:

- US Highway 12 Phase 8.
- Diamond interchange at US Hwy 12 and Clinton intersection.
  - Guidance for staff on seeking funding for other projects.
- SR 125 and Myra Rd roundabout installation.
  - Grants sought, match requirements, available amounts, and if they would have been appropriate for the Clinton project.
- Perception by other local agencies if the Myra project is kept on our priority list, and how to communicate the intention clearly.
- Good Roads stance on priority of projects and their influence at the State level.
- Dept. of Natural Resources funding of firefighting in Eastern Washington, specifically the Mill Creek watershed.
- Affordable housing matters.
- Broadband infrastructure.

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- Maintaining local control of local rights of way.
- Safe communities, body worn cameras, behavioral health, opioid addiction crisis, and substance abuse issues, etc.
- Association of Washington Cities legislative priorities, specifically regarding police reform legislation impacts to law enforcement such as the Blake decision and new rules on pursuits.

### B. Proclamation and Resolution Process Discussion

There was discussion on:

- Prior process decided on for requesting a proclamation.
  - Presented to council by the clerk, and no response is perceived as approval.
- How to handle requests for a resolution.
- Need to have a local connection.
- Although there is no legal distinction between the two, there is a perception of a difference of importance between a proclamation and a resolution.
  - Proclamation – statement of position or attitude
  - Resolution – statement of policy – legislative action – directing staff to take action.
- Threshold to get a resolution on the council agenda for council consideration.
  - Specific number of council members in favor of resolution or having a process for a member of public to do so.
  - Resolution should have a council support even if brought initially by a member or members of the public.
- Resolution 2022-50 was adopted to determine the procedure for a proclamation.
- For future resolutions from council, the subject should be discussed at a work session first, to determine if there is sufficient buy-in for it to be brought to a vote.
  - Contact the Mayor, or Mayor Pro Tempore, etc. to get it added to a work session agenda.
  - Or, as a matter of new business at a meeting, the council member can make the request.
- This could be a potential discussion item at the next retreat to have a larger discussion including information on what other agencies do.

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**3. MEETING ENDS**

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 5:46 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

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Mayor

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City Clerk