

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
January 9, 2023

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, Gustavo Reyna, and Mayor Tom Scribner.

Absent: None

City staff in attendance: City Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain, HR Director Pam Taylor, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Engineers Neal Chavre and Monte Puymon, Police Chief Chris Buttice, and City Clerk Lisa Neissl.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Blue Zones Project Update by Blue Zones Project Team

Staff, in conjunction with the Blue Zones Project Team provided a project update and spoke about planned areas of focus coming up.

B. Follow-up discussion from the December 7, 2022, Council meeting about parking near Argo Transmission.

City Engineering staff provided an update on the options regarding parking in downtown and the project going on along Colville Street between Alder Street and the alleyway to the South. They provided several options for parking in the area along with the implications and costs related to each option.

There was discussion on:

- Ongoing parking management study.
- Current illegal parking issues in the block.
- Process to determine the design of the current project.
- Public funding to benefit a single private business.
- The 9 presented options.
- State and Municipal code issues with various options.
- Number of parking spaces available with the various options.
- Where to go from here with current project already well underway.

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- C. Brief Council on the proposed design contract for the Pioneer Park Pedestrian Safety and Accessibility Improvements project.

Staff reported on the project to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility to Pioneer Park along Division Street.

Discussion included:

- Community concerns and request for all-way stop.
- Analysis by DKS recommends not to do all-way stop.
- Other road work diverting additional traffic to this route.
- Funding available to begin process to address issues.
- Planned public outreach efforts.
- The PBS Engineering study.
- Speed enforcement in the area.
- Project to come before council prior to final design.
- Planned construction in fall of 2023.

Additional discussion item: City Policy with regards to use of body worn cameras. Council members have received an email asking about a policy on the use of body worn cameras and if there will be citizen input on the policy. The plan is to discuss this at the first work session in February.

3. MEETING ENDS

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 5:59 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk