

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
May 22, 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: Deputy City Manager Robert Francis, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Engineer Neal Chavre, and City Clerk Lisa Neissl.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Presentation by franchisee - Ziplly Fiber Pacific, LLC dba Ziplly Fiber

Mike Doherty of Ziplly Fiber provided a presentation about the fiber network they are building. He provided the history of the company and their mission of supporting underserved communities with highspeed internet.

There was discussion on:

- What services the fiber can replace.
 - Internet
 - Streaming
 - Landline phone service
- Plan options / costs
- Net Promotor Score (NPS) which is people's willingness to recommend you.
- Low-income resident programs.
- Equipment needed to receive services.

B. Meet Consultants and Discuss Scope of Work to Establish a Tax Increment Finance Area

Staff introduced the consultants which include Nick Popenuk of Tiberius, Jerry Johnson of Johnson Economics, and Elaine Howard of Elaine Howard Consulting. They presented information on their expertise and the scope of work included in their proposal, which is the recommended proposal from those received in response to the RFP.

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There was discussion on:

- Timelines
- Need for additional meeting/work session to go over details of mapping a tax increment financing area.
 - Areas that may have other attributes that would be promising if they had the necessary infrastructure.
- Reasons to move forward without having specific development plans for an area.
- The commitment involved with the contract and ability to terminate.
- Other agencies that are currently working on TIF areas.
- Potential future legislation guidance / restrictions.

3. MEETING ENDS

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 5:19 p.m.

Approved:

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Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Neissl", written over a horizontal line.
City Clerk