

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
June 12, 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, Deputy City Manager Robert Francis, Engineer Monte Puymon, Police Chief Chris Buttice, Fire Chief John Knowles, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, and City Clerk Lisa Neissl.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Rose Street project briefing - Presentation by Monte Puymon, Engineering.

Staff provided an overview of the upcoming Rose Street project which will include a pavement preservation aspect as well as reconfiguration of lanes to two-lanes each way with a center turn lane and bike lanes.

There was discussion on:

- Collision reductions for design that changes to three-lane.
- Bicycles share-rows through the downtown corridor.
- Speeds on Rose Street.
- Number of commercial driveways in project area.
- Configuration of two left turn lanes from Rose Street onto Myra Road.
- Various intersection configurations including signal changes and upgrades.
- Valley Transit funding for Avery crossing.
- Construction timeline.

- B. Fireworks Discussion

Staff led a discussion on fireworks regulations within the city limits of Walla Walla.

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There was discussion on:

- History of regulation discussions and meetings with other local jurisdictions.
- Various options to consider such as:
 - Enacting a ban.
 - Alignment with other local jurisdictions for type of firework but maintain current timelines.
 - Maintain the current city code.
- Enforcement challenges.
- Benefits of standardizing regulations throughout the area.
- Fire hazards, PTSD, pets.
- Best option to help Fire and Police responders.
- Timeline that any code more restrictive than the State requires a one-year delay.
- Expansion of the community event to increase attendance there and reduce personal displays.
- Future work with AWC and Legislature lobbying to have State regulations modified.

3. MEETING ENDS

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

Approved:



Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk