

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
July 10, 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, Fleet Services Supervisor Matt Edwards, Accountant Liz Moeller, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Engineer Neal Chavre, and City Clerk Lisa Neissl.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. 2023 City Fleet Vehicle/Equipment Scheduled Purchases - Discussion / Presentation by Matt Edwards, Fleet Operations Supervisor.

Staff provided information on the planned purchases and noted that the purchases were planned in the budget process.

There was discussion on:

- The vehicle life-cycle formula, and the history of the fleet replacement model and how funds are set aside.
- Vehicles included in the vehicle replacement schedule and reserve fund.
- Revenues used to replace high-cost vehicles such as fire trucks.
- Local, State contract, and Cooperative purchasing options.
- Procedures for surplus of old vehicles such as trade-in or direct sell.
- Individual evaluation of vehicles within their "optimal replacement zone".
- Continuous tracking of maintenance costs on each vehicle.
- Vehicle transfer process between departments.
- Conditions of vehicle signage regardless of vehicle age.

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- B. Pioneer Park Pedestrian Improvement Project - Presentation of Alternatives and Recommendations. PBS Consultants, John Manix & Ryan Billen.

Staff and the consultants provided a thorough presentation on the project and the various alternatives, including the recommended alternative and reasons behind that recommendation. Highlights included grant funding, neighborhood concerns, speed management considerations, and community feedback.

There was discussion on:

- The community participation in the process.
- Pedestrian fatality numbers throughout the State and Country.
- Costs of a set of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB), approximately \$30,000 per crossing.
- Comparison of reduction of pedestrian collision numbers between RRFB (70% reduction) or stop signs (43% reduction).
- Stop signs work best when there is equal travel in each direction.
- Speeds and inattention of drivers.
- Speed limit reduction and addition of radar speed signs.
- Consideration of a roundabout at the Whitman/Division intersection – it was noted that roundabouts typically are considered as an alternative to a signalized intersection, which is not indicated in this case.

3. MEETING ENDS

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:



Attest:

Mayor


City Clerk