

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
July 24, 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, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Development Services Director Preston Frederickson, Accountant Liz Moeller, and City Clerk Lisa Neissl.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Presentation on Walla Walla Tambasasayama Sister City, 50-year Celebration by Barbara Noel.

Barbara Noel of the Sister City Affiliation Committee gave a presentation about our sister city, Tambasasayama including information about the geographic area, agriculture, and culture of the area.

There was discussion on:

- Washington State sister cities and how our sister city match was made.
- Plans for Dekansho statues and informational plaques on Spokane Street bridge.
- Delegates from Tambasasayama are coming to Walla Walla at the end of August for the unveiling of the Friendship Bridge.
- Fundraising and costs of statues and plaques.
- Cultural exchange opportunities.

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B. Tax Increment Area (TIA) /Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Information Briefing.

Consultants Nick Popenuk and Elaine Howard, along with Staff provided information on how Tax Increment Financing works and an area that could be a good fit for the first Tax Increment Area in Walla Walla.


There was discussion on:

- Overhead costs involved with collection of the increment taxes.
- Timing flexibility for constructing improvements. (5 years which can be extended for good reason.)
- The proposed area and what infrastructure is needed there.
- The type of investment needed to promote growth and private development.
- The access route for Taumarson Rd.
- Timeline to proceed and next work session update in October.

3. MEETING ENDS

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 5:56 p.m.

Approved:



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk