

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Work Session Minutes**  
**September 25, 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 Liz Moeller, Fire Chief Knowles, Police Chief Buttice, and City Clerk Lisa Neissl.

**2. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. Blue Zones Project Presentation on Tobacco: Best practices for not marketing to youth.

Emily Brown, Lucinda Richards, and Krista Timm of the Blue Zones Project spoke to the council about the Projects' efforts to reduce tobacco marketing to youth in the area.

There was discussion on:

- The origins of the best practice recommendations.
- Encouragement versus enforcement.
- Work with the local schools.
- Plans for approaching retailers.
- Flavor only vape products.
- Education for school staff and parents to recognize various types of vape devices.
- Education on alternative methods of self-soothing.
- Request for approval of a resolution at an upcoming meeting.

- B. 2022 Audit Results Review.

Staff provided an overview of the 2022 audit results.

There was discussion on:

- The process of the audit and choice to be audited by the State.

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- The Governmental Accounting Standards Board.
- The city again received a clean audit.
- The federal grant compliance audit, programs that were audited – Highway Programs and ARPA Funds.

C. Discussion on Fireworks' Regulations within the City of Walla Walla

Staff provided a brief update on research requested at a previous meeting.

There was discussion on:

- Enforcement requires seeing the individual light the illegal firework.
- Types of fireworks allowed in the State/County, but not in city limits.
- Understanding of residents if they purchased in city limits or in county.
- Complaints decreased, yet incidents increased due to very dry conditions.
- Impacts of public displays on personal displays.
- Potential for consistency with neighboring jurisdictions.
- Uniformity will assist staff.
- Next steps.

**3. MEETING ENDS**

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 5:22 p.m.

Approved:



Mayor

Attest:

  
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City Clerk