

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
October 23, 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, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Finance Director Liz Moeller, Deputy Fire Chief Eric Wood, and City Clerk Lisa Neissl.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. 2024 State and Federal Legislative Priorities

Staff, along with Lobbyist Mara Machulsky provided a review of the suggested State and Federal Legislative Priorities.

There was discussion on:

- The session timeline and the expected areas of focus by the Legislature.
- Upcoming elections.
- The priorities of the city.
- Legislative changes needed to allow revenue sharing.
- Planned travel to Olympia and remote testimony.
- November 27th meeting with 16th District Representatives.
- Transportation priorities.
- Affordable housing.
- Broadband.
- Fentanyl issues and the meeting with Senator Cantwell.

Councilmember Eskil provided an overview of the trip that a delegation of local representatives made to Washington DC to promote our area priorities.

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B. Discuss updates to the Ambulance Financial Assistance Policy

Staff presented information on the recommended updates to the policy.

There was discussion on:

- The assistance is for the patient amounts and does not apply to insurance or third-party amounts.
- The coordination with the billing company to make patients aware of the program.
- Use of percentages of the Federal Poverty Level to be clear and equitable.

C. Overview of Impact Fees and Consultant Contract for Transportation Impact Fee Program Development

Staff provided a presentation on various impact fees and the process to develop a plan to implement transportation impact fees.

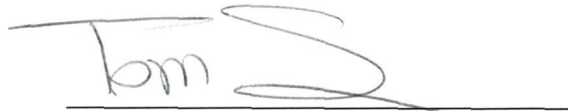
There was discussion on:

- Costs of the consultant and if it is included in the current budget.
- That the Urban Growth Area is taken into consideration.
- Improvements that impact fees can be used for, and what they cannot be used for.
- Need to develop a defensible program.
- Requirement of a deferral program for developers.
- Timeline for cities to use the impact fees.
- Implementation by zone or citywide.
- Plan uses a 20 year look out like a comprehensive plan or transportation plan.
- Benefit to developers of knowing in advance what the costs will be.

3. MEETING ENDS

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 5:26 p.m.

Approved:



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk