

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman City Council WORKSHOP SESSION

Date: October 19, 2021

Observer Reporting: Anne Lewis

Length of Meeting: 7 pm-7:42 pm.

Members Present: Mayor Johnson; Councilmembers Sorenson, Macoll, Parks, Records, Wright

Members Absent: Chapman, Weller (Excused)

Others Present (e.g., media, public): The Evergreen Reporter

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

League Priority: Legislative Priorities, City Government

Overall:

Top Priority: Support for **downtown Revitalization** Project

Goals relate to economic development, transportation, safety (often combinations of).

Multiple councilors say the goals should include an "Ask" (ie. specific goals, \$, etc.)

Topics of discussion/consideration:

Bypass- Wright mentions **South Bypass**. Sorenson not ready to commit to South. Sorenson wants Bypass discussion (*observer opinion: he seems to favor North*). Parks wants to direct \$ be given to design plan. (I.e. A specific "ask").

Pullman Regional Airport

Housing Affordability. Brought up by Records. Ties with employers' (ie. SEL) needs. Ask might be: Ways to entice developers to build affordable housing.

Passing Lanes on Hwy 26- Safely to and from WSU-Westside

Non-motorized transport

Safe paths to schools

Mental Health. Goal: Increase access. Question- Should WA accept certification from other states?
Does Zoom increase availability?

Outdoor recreation- i.e. redevelopment of **playfields**.

Council supports **abandonment (v. banking) of railway lines**.

City Supervisor notes that WSU presenting 'Gateway' Project at next City Council meeting.

Next City Council Meeting scheduled for October 26, 2021.