

City of College Place, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 20-042

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING 2021 STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, the City of College Place is a non-charter code city under Title 35A RCW; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of College Place (City) wishes to state its 2021 legislative priorities for the State and Federal government.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of College Place hereby adopts the legislative priorities for the 2021 state legislative session outlined in Exhibit 2 of this agenda bill.
2. The City of College Place hereby adopts the legislative priorities for the 2021 federal legislative session outlined in Exhibit 3 of this agenda bill
3. The City of College Place supports the legislative priorities identified by the Association of Washington Cities.
4. The City of College Place submits that strong cities result in a strong state and country.

CLERICAL CORRECTIONS. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary clerical corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, resolution numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.


EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage as provided by law.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of College Place, Washington held on the 27th day of October, 2020

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Norma L. Hernández, Mayor

Attest:

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Lisa R. Neissl, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Rea Culwell, City Attorney



2021 State Legislative Agenda

Quick Facts

- Population: 9,780 (2020)
- Median Household Income: \$47,525 (2014-2018 ACS)
- Poverty Rate: 15.8% (2014-2018 ACS)
- Median Housing Value: \$205,700 (2014-2018 ACS)
- Parks: 4 totaling 16.67 Acres
- Roads: 35 Miles of City Maintained Roads
- Home of Walla Walla University



The City of College Place is very grateful to our local legislators who supported a number of significant accomplishments in the 2020 legislative session. As we look toward the 2021 session, we are asking your support on several requests that will help us better plan and meet the needs of our dynamic and ever changing city and the amazing people who live here.

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Priorities

Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement



The City must invest over **\$20.2 million** dollars over the next four years to satisfy new conditions of a state wastewater permit.

Lions Park



Renovation of primary city park to include splash pad, trail, and fishing pond separation from creek. Estimated cost is **\$2 million**.

Stormwater Decant Facility



Construction of a street waste decand facility as outlined in city's NPDES stormwater permit. Estimated cost is **\$700,000**.

Southwest College Place



Southwest College Place consists of several project needs:
a) Southwest Wastewater Trunk Line and lift station replacement: **\$7.5 million**. b) Mojonner Rd reconstruction: **\$6 million**. c) Regional Park Development: **\$2 million**

Key Issues

Economic Development/Infrastructure

- **SUPPORT** – Protecting and strengthening pass through State grant agencies such as Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF), Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) and others.
- **SUPPORT** - Development of a state transportation package as well as local financial tools to deal with street preservation, maintenance, and reconstruction.
- **SUPPORT** – Development of economic development incentives (tif, enterprise zone).
- **SUPPORT** – Broaden RCW 84.14 – Multifamily Property Tax Exemption so all cities can participate in the program. Right now only mandated fully-planning cities can use this.
- **SUPPORT** - Funding US 12 Phase 8 which completes the Walla Walla/Tri-Cities segment and improves safety and efficiency on this critical travel corridor.
- **SUPPORT** – Alternate compliance paths for wastewater systems regarding PCB's.

General Government

- **SUPPORT** – A structural modification in property tax statutes to the annual growth to an inflationary index rather than to the one percent limit.
- **SUPPORT** – Allow agencies to recover staff time incurred in compiling and redacting public records, unless the requestor is certified as indigent.
- **SUPPORT** – Fund resources for providing childcare/youth recreation activities as a result of the COVID-19 mandates and newly created needs in our community.
- **SUPPORT** – Delay of the implementation of the 2018 State Building Code until appropriate trainings to municipal/county building inspectors and development community are given.
- **SUPPORT** – Fully funding the Municipal Research Services Center (MRSC).
- **SUPPORT** – Defend Local Control. The City believes the best governmental decisions are those that are made closest to the people represented.
- **SUPPORT** – Solutions to challenges brought upon local recycling.
- **AGAINST** – Unfunded mandates. The City urges you to remember local government when you are passing Legislation and to avoid passing unfunded mandates on to us.

Public Safety/Human Services

- **SUPPORT** - The need to retain local control over city law enforcement policy decisions to ensure they meet community needs and expectations and appropriately contain costs.
- **SUPPORT** - Increase in funding for the Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA).
- **SUPPORT** – Appropriately funding mental health services to support individuals with varying levels of mental illness.
- **SUPPORT** – Improve reimbursement process for state mobilization outside of Northwest.

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- **SUPPORT** – Provision of resources to assist city's with revenue shortfalls due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated response to it.
- **SUPPORT** – Alternate compliance paths regarding PCB's for municipal wastewater systems.
- **SUPPORT** – Passage of legislation to address mental health to support local communities to improve mental health and especially to lend critical support to families and youth.
- **SUPPORT** - Funding US 12 Phase 8 which completes the Walla Walla/Tri-Cities segment and improves safety and efficiency.
- **SUPPORT** – Protection and enhancement of HUD Community Development Block Grant programs. The Federal government should amend the definition of entitlement governments back to the county level
- **SUPPORT** – Simplifying the process for pursuing Federal grants and loans such as USDA-Rural Development grant dollars.
- **SUPPORT** – Demystify the Opportunity Zone incentive and make it straightforward so developers in even small municipalities can use it.
- **SUPPORT** – Funding for the US Forest Service to improve wildland fire fighting capacity and fire prevention through fuel reduction in the Walla Walla Watershed.
- **SUPPORT** – The City of Walla Walla State Route 125 & Myra Rd intersection project.
- **SUPPORT** – Solutions to challenges brought upon local recycling programs by the Chinese National Sword policy.
- **OPPOSE** – Unfunded mandates. The City urges you to remember local government when you are passing Legislation and to avoid passing unfunded mandates on to us.

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