

City of College Place, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 21-055

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING 2022 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 2022 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 2022 state legislative session outlined in Exhibit 2 of this agenda bill.
2. The City of College Place hereby adopts the legislative priorities for the 2022 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 23rd day of November, 2021.

DocuSigned by:
Norma L. Hernandez

 Norma L. Hernandez, Mayor

Attest:

DocuSigned by:
Lisa R. Neissl

 Lisa R. Neissl, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

DocuSigned by:
Rea L. Culwell

 Rea Culwell, City Attorney

2022 State Legislative Agenda



Quick Facts

- Population: 9,675 (2021)
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- Poverty Rate: 15.5% (2015-2019 ACS)
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- 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 2021 legislative session. As we look toward the 2022 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 **\$25.0 million** dollars over the next two years to satisfy new conditions of a state wastewater permit.

Western CP Water System Improvements



1 mil gallon water tank and additional well needed for supply and resiliency of system. Estimated cost is **\$3.5 million for Well #7** and **\$3.5 million for elevated tank**.

Stormwater Decant Facility



Construction of a street waste decant facility as outlined in city's NPDES stormwater permit. Estimated cost is **\$1.5 million**.

Southwest College Place



Estimated cost of new park is **\$2 million** with construction cost of SW Mojonier Rd at **\$4.2 million**.

SE 12th Street (College to Larch)



Reconstruction of roadway including underground utilities at: **\$4.3 million dollars**.

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** – State investment into broadband installation in areas with service gaps.
- **SUPPORT** - Development of a state transportation package as well as local financial tools to deal with street preservation, maintenance, and reconstruction.
- **SUPPORT** - Advocate for state resources to correct locally owned culverts.
- **SUPPORT** – Additional funding for rapid acquisition of housing and land for housing.
- **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** – Reform of the Growth Management Act to include new authority and means to expand UGA's in responsible situations.
- **SUPPORT** – A structural modification in property tax statutes to the annual growth to an inflationary index rather than to the one percent limit.
- **SUPPORT** – Greater flexibility within the Open Public Meetings Act for meetings.
- **SUPPORT** – Update the Public Records Act to reduce the impact of abusive and costly public records requests and litigation that hamper public records management and access by the public.
- **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 bring back true recycling in a cost effective manner.
- **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** – Clarification of civil standards for use of force requirements.
- **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** – Direct funding for cities to administer diversion programs related to misdemeanor drug possession cases handled by city law enforcement.
- **OPPOSE** – HB 1202 as written, while working to adopt amendments to limit city liability and financial impacts of litigation.

The City supports the Association of Washington Cities Legislative Agenda.

2021 Federal Legislative Agenda



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- **SUPPORT** – Passage of a comprehensive infrastructure financing bill to include streets, stormwater, wastewater, water, broadband, and other community facilities.
- **SUPPORT** – Simplifying the process for pursuing Federal grants and loans such as USDA-Rural Development grant dollars.
- **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** - Local control.
- **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** – 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.
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