



CITY COUNCIL

Work Session Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2026

Mayor Primmer called the City Council work session meeting to order at 6:03pm. Present were Councilors Roberts, Myers, McCarthy, Duron, Linton, and Kelso. Councilors Hayward and Barron were excused. City Staff in attendance included: City Manager Byron Smith, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, City Attorney Richard Tovey, Finance Director Ignacio Palacios, Police Chief Jason Edmiston, City Planner Clint Spencer, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong.

Carnegie Library Proposed Uses

Thought Bubblez- Learning Center

Thought Bubblez Founders Patricia Alder and Elizabeth Wilcox presented information (PowerPoint Presentation attached) regarding their vision of what can be provided to the community at-large in the Carnegie Library from Thought Bubblez stating their vision incorporates changes to what they will offer based on what programs, tools and instructors are available and what feedback they receive from the community on what they want.

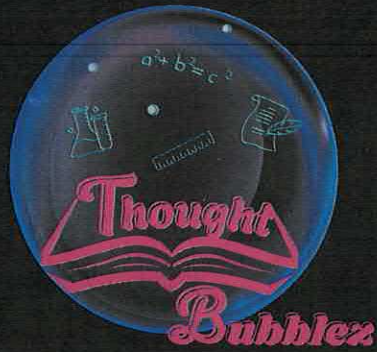
Art Center

Kim La Plant stated she has been an artist for the last 35 years and after hearing and seeing the Thought Bubblez presentation she believes that their vision incorporates the great creative artistic elements she hopes to bring into the space with hands on creativity, art, and music that helps kids and adults have a safe space, find confidence, build better decision making capabilities, and find a place of belonging. Her presentation was more about giving the City ideas on what can be provided in the space but does not want to lead this effort. Ms. La Plant stated she is interested in collaborating with Thought Bubblez and helping them with the creative artistic elements that they spoke about if they are open to this suggestion.

City Manager Smith answered questions from the Council stating the Council will hear two other presentations at their next meeting from the Hermiston Historical & Cultural Society and Hermiston Amateur Radio Club. All presenters reached out to the City individually with their proposals.

Adjournment

Mayor Primmer ended the work session at 6:37pm and stated the City Council would convene for their regular council meeting at 7:00pm.



Discovery Center

Creating space in our community to encourage a lifelong love of learning through discovery.

What you will find at Thought Bubbles?

Art studio/
classroom
Lending library

Adventure Zone
(children's museum)
Science lab/
classroom

Music room
Tutors

Who is the target audience? Adventure Zone: 2-11yr
Everything else: 2-99

Adventure Zone



Dig pit



Water table



Scarf tunnels



Magnetic wall

Images are AI renderings for concept. Finished exhibits will be dependent on space available.

Rotating Exhibit Examples:



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