

State of the City

April 12, 2022

Glenn A. Johnson
Mayor

Mike Urban
City Administrator

Shawn Kohtz
Public Works Director



2022 COUNCIL GOALS

Downtown
Revitalization

Strengthen
Communications

MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL
PRIORITIES

Economic
Development

Enhance Boards
& Commissions



PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE



2021 Highlights

- Total Calls = 2,939 (up 30% from 2020 and record high)
- FEMA Grant paid 100% for 3 new fighters for 3 years.
- Department 100% vaccinated as per state mandate.
- New brush truck ordered (replaces 2001 unit).
- Search for the fire station 3 land process.

Promotions

- Andrew Chiavaras promoted to captain (Dec. 2021)
- Chelsey Tadema promoted to lieutenant (Dec. 2021)



<< Chelsey Tadema, Lt., (right) and Andrew Chiavaras, Cpt., pose for a photo.

PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE



Individual Honors

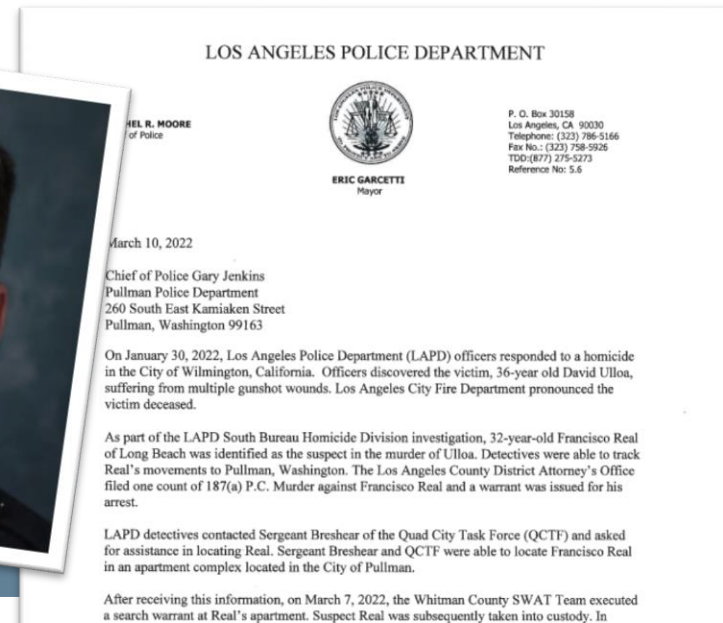
- **Lifesaving Awards**
 - Officer Brock Westerman
 - Officer Shane Emerson
 - Officer Ruben Harris
 - Officer Luv St. Andre
 - Officer Garrett Willis
 - Officer Brian Chamberlin
 - Sergeant Todd Dow
- **Medal of Valor Awards**
 - Officer Ruben Harris
 - Officer Luv St. Andre
- **Support Staff Member of the Year**
 - Brenden McNannay

Officer of the Year >>
Officer Garrett Willis



Department Accomplishments

- Developed 13-week invite-only Pullman Citizen Academy.
- Joined Neighbors Public Safety Service by Ring.
- Awarded ~\$115k Law Enforcement Mental Health & Wellness grant by DOJ to develop multi-agency peer support program.
- Cordico wellness app was deployed for PD staff and families.
- Received Smart 50 Award for Research Fellowship Program with WSU.



<< LAPD commended regional SWAT team (including Pullman PD) for serving a search warrant that led to the arrest of a Wilmington, Calif., homicide suspect on March 7, 2022.

PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE



2021 By the Numbers

- **Total Group A Offenses** (see chart)
 - Property (497)
 - Persons (229)
 - Society (43)
- **Total Service Calls (9,931)**
 - Disturbance/Dispute (1,041)
 - Animal-Related (770)
 - Suspicious (599)
- **Total Arrests (518)**
- **Parking Enforcement**
 - Infraction Notices (3,600)
 - Overtime Downtown (826)
 - Residential Permit Violation (612)



NEILL PUBLIC LIBRARY



2021 By the Numbers

- 256,152 Total circulation (up 30.8% over 2020)
- 18,538 Total cardholders (up 6.8% over 2020)
- 9,020 Participants for 191 library programs
- 5,910 Activity bags distributed
- 389 Checkouts for the Mobile Hotspot Pilot Program
- 14 Local guest readers helped promote the Summer Reading Program
- 48% Increase for first-time physical book checkouts (over 2020)
- 8.3% Increase for resident cardholders (over 2020)

Sarah M. Moore
Memorial Rivernook Deck >>



Overcoming Challenges: COVID-19

- Curbside delivery gradually reduced until July when 100% indoor capacity was again allowed.
- Expanded digital resources, virtual story times, and educational and entertainment options for all.



PARKS & RECREATION



Recreation Center

- Won the **2021 WRPA Award**, which recognized the effort to design, develop, and renovate the Recreation Center.
- **2021 Participation Numbers**
 - 4,665 (Open Gym)
 - 1,703 (Walking Track)

Resumed Events and Experiences

- Hosted 6 **Concerts in the Park** with new mobile stage setup.
- Hosted 4 Friday night **Movies in the Park**.
- Re-opened the **Senior Center** June 2021.
 - Hired Lendi Bankhead as the Senior Center Coordinator (Sept. 2021).

Parks Upgrades

- **Mary's Park**
 - ADA accessible playground features and surface.
- Replaced WSU logo at **Cougar Plaza**.
- **Reaney Park**
 - Upgraded shower/locker rooms and installed new public restrooms.





AIRPORT

- Gravity sanitary sewer extension to new terminal (completed in 2021): \$2.4 million (includes \$1.6 million state grant).
- Continuation of runway realignment construction phases (final phase to be completed 2022).
- New terminal (design start 2021, completion 2023).
- Airport Road Conceptual Design (start - February 2021), targeting major improvements in 2024-25.
- Extend City's NE-High water pressure system/zone to the airport and the area surrounding the airport (2023 timeframe).



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

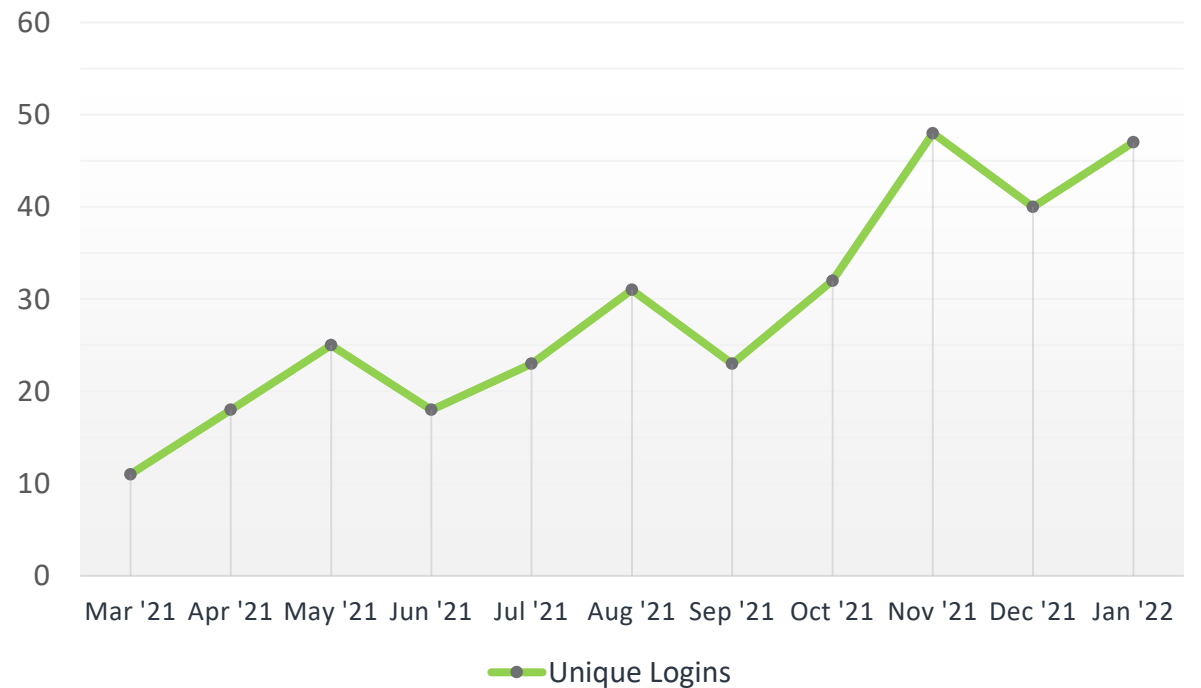
Community Development was formed by City Council in Nov. 2021, and consists of Planning, Economic Development, GIS, and Protective Inspections.

Planning and GIS



- Adoption of GIS for the City of Pullman
 - Sam Jenkins was hired in Jan. 2021 and configured the Enterprise Software.
- Useful databases are tax parcels, water distribution, sanitary sewer, and stormwater management
- Since the introduction of Pre-Application Meetings, a total of 23 meetings in 2021
- Adoption of the 2021 Comprehensive Plan
- A total of 21 site plans review applications were received with 31 site plan review meetings.

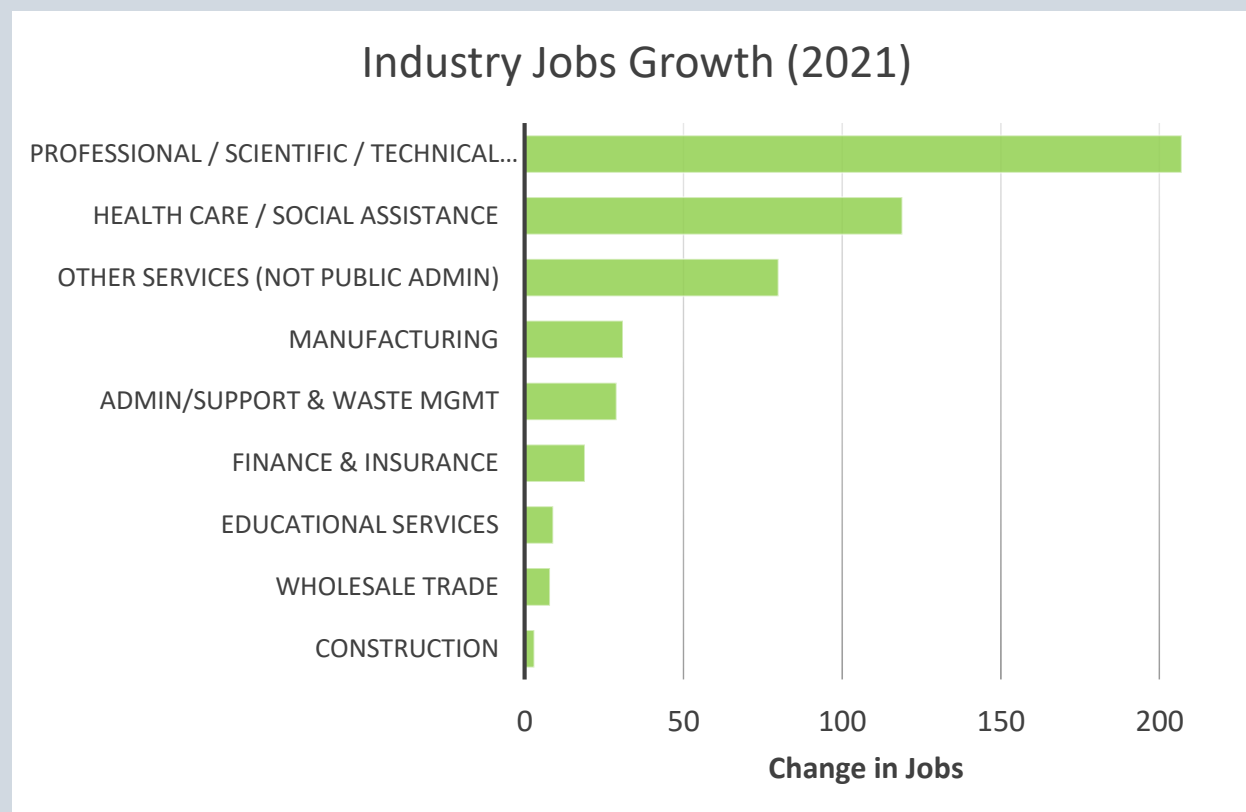
Unique GIS Logins



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development

- Economic Development Marketing
- Tourism Study (outcomes coming June 2022)
- LiveLocalINW Online Marketplace in partnership with Spokane Independent Metro Business Alliance (SIMBA)
- GIS Buildings and Businesses Databases (in progress)
- Entrepreneurship Class in partnership with the Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship (CIE)
- 11 retail businesses opened and 5 closed.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Protective/Construction Inspections



	2020	2021
Inspections Performed	4859	2877
Permits Issued	561	772
Fees Collected	\$ 426,343.06	\$ 869,315.19
Total Valuation of Work	\$ 77,334,697	\$ 92,514,844
WSU Valuation of Work	\$ 3,828,100 (4.95% of total)	\$ 4,233,358 (4.58% of total)

Types of Permits Issued		
	2020	2021
Single Family Homes	37	39
Townhouse Buildings	4	8
Duplexes (2-family dwellings)	2	98
Multi-Unit Apartment Buildings	0	1
Mixed-Use Buildings	0	1
Mobile Homes	1	1
New Commercial or Public Structures	7	2
New Garages or Carports	5	3
Building Remodels & Additions	246	290
Mechanical/Plumbing Work	139	164
Signs	11	17
Demolitions	23	6
WSU	8	11
Other	78	131
Total	561	772

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR – SHAWN KOHTZ



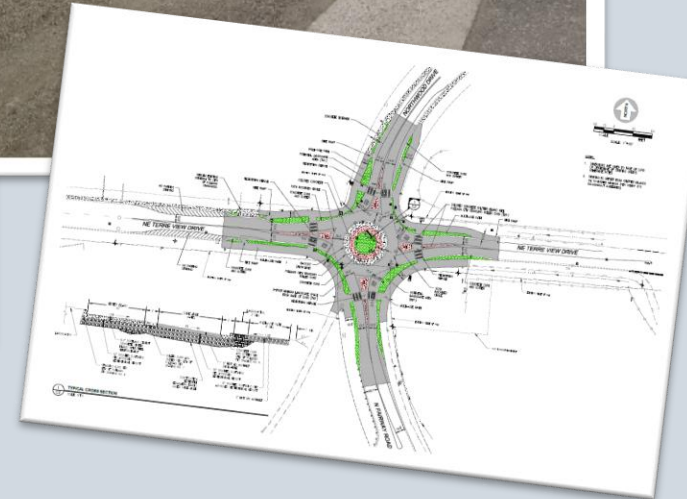
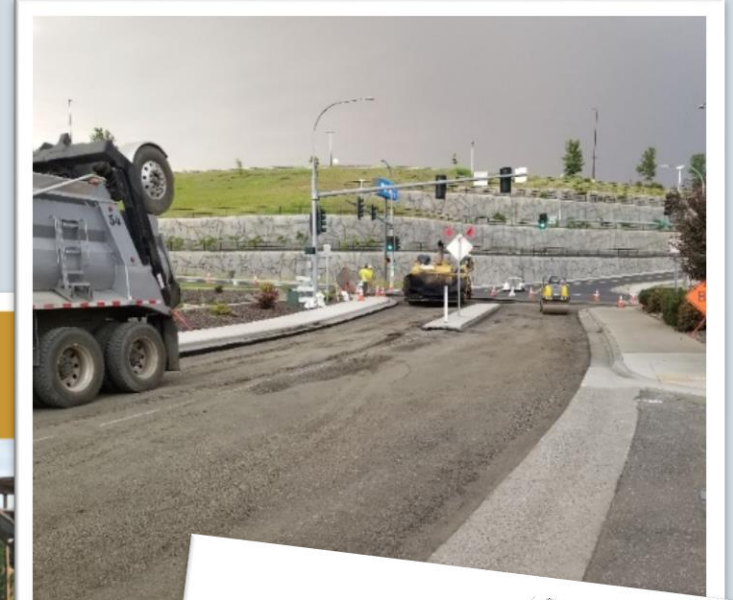
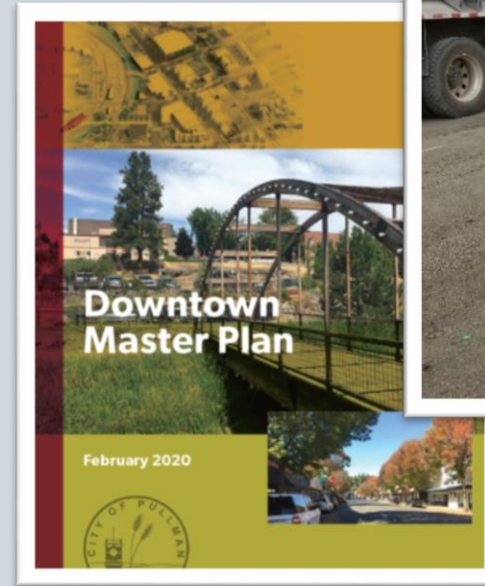
- 20+ years in private and public sector engineering and leadership.
- Experience in a wide range of municipal engineering including water, wastewater, stormwater, and transportation infrastructure planning, design, and construction project management.
- Bachelor's degree in science in civil engineering from University of Idaho.
- Master's degree in environmental engineering from Washington State University.
- Licensed professional engineer

PUBLIC WORKS

Transportation



- Downtown Master Plan – Adopted by Council in 2021.
- Downtown Improvements – Community Outreach and Preliminary Design 2022 with construction beginning in 2023.
- Roundabout – NE Terre View Drive and NE Northwood Drive, Summer 2022. Project moving forward with successful Transportation Improvement Board grant award.
- Second Roundabout to be constructed – Albion Road and State Route 27
- Major Street Resurfacing Project Completed in 2021: Spring, Crestview, and Harvest on Pioneer Hill – from Main Street to Bishop Blvd. Includes traffic calming measures.
- Major Street Resurfacing Projects in summer 2022: Terre View (State Route 270 to Airport Road) and Center Street (Cityview to Itani)



PUBLIC WORKS

Maintenance and Operations



- UV Disinfection Project Complete – 2020
- Advanced Metering Infrastructure – Water Meter System beginning 2022
- Waste Water Treatment Plant Process Improvements – 2022
- Water System Plan Update – 2021-2022
- Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Plan Updates– 2022-2023
- Maintenance and Operations Expansion Grading – 2021-2022
- Decant Facility – 2022-2023

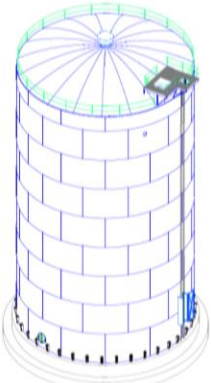
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NOTE: FROM INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

TANK 12 PROJECT

FALL 2021



WATER TANK #12 SUMMARY TABLE

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
1	WATER TANK #12	1
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WATER TANK #12 SITEWORK

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VICINITY MAP





THE FUTURE IS GREEN



- First two electric buses arrived Spring 2021 (80% grant funded) with a third bus arriving in summer 2022.
- Upgrades to Transit Bus facility to support fully electric buses (primarily grant funded).
- Recreation building solar array has saved 266,595 lbs. of CO2 emissions since Sept. 2020—equivalent to planting 2,014 trees.
- Waste Water Treatment Plant UV project – minimize chemicals and associated hazards with disinfection.
- Per capita water demand continues to drop, supported by the City's conservation efforts.
- Working with Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee (PBAC) on sustainable, long-term water supply planning efforts.
- Launching Climate Sustainability Committee
- Declared a Tree City USA 25 years in a row by the Arbor Day Foundation, honoring commitment to urban forest management.





CITY FINANCE HIGHLIGHTS

2021-2022 Biennial Budget

- 2022 Adopted Budget
 - General Fund Revenue Estimate: \$25,277,640
 - General Fund Reserve Estimate: \$4,213,783 (~ 16.7%)

2023-2024 Budget Calendar

- **June:** Budget Calendar Released
- **July:** Budget Call with Department Managers
- **October:** Release of Mayor's Proposed Budget & Public Hearing on Revenues Sources
- **November:** City Council Budget Workshops & Public Hearing on Proposed Budget
- **December:** City Council Adopts 2023-2024 Biennial Budget

2022 Property Tax

\$14.8277 / \$1,000 of Assessed Value County

Port of Whitman County

\$0.2466
(1.66%)

Hospital District #1

\$0.297
(2.00%)

Whitman County

\$1.5579
(10.50%)

School District #67

\$4.8589
(32.77%)

State of Washington

\$3.3937
(22.89%)

City of Pullman

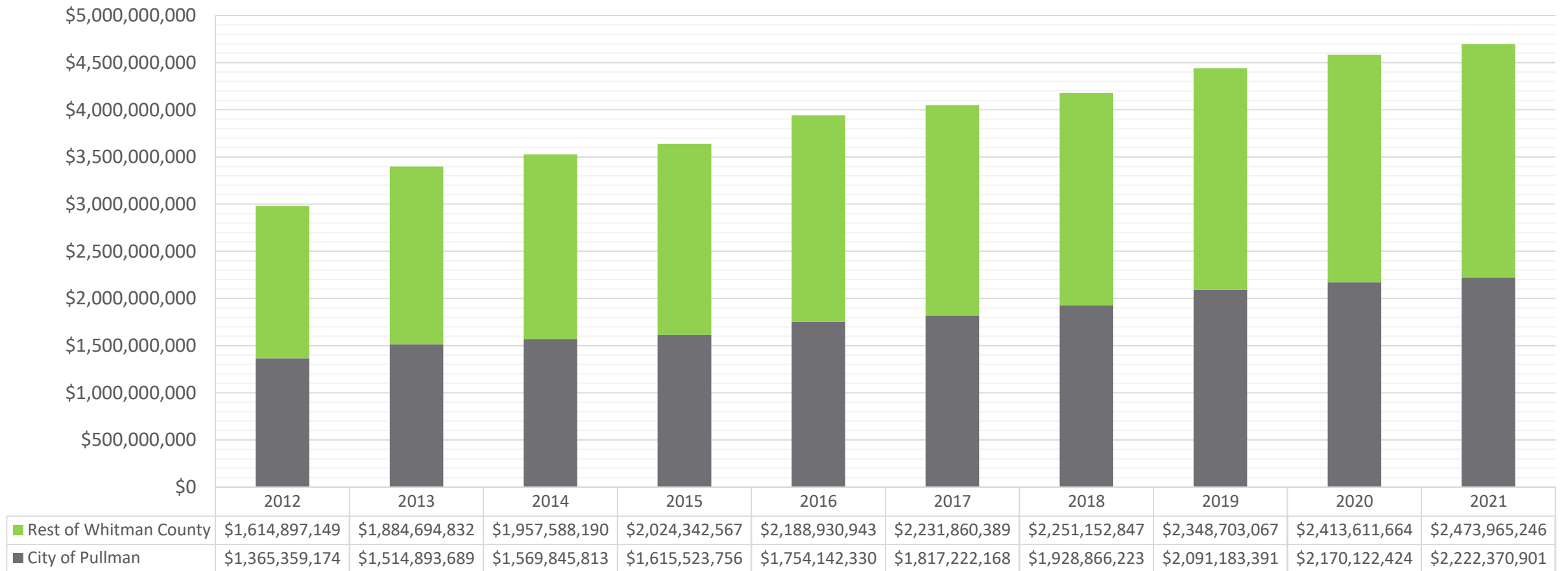
\$4.4759
(30.18%)





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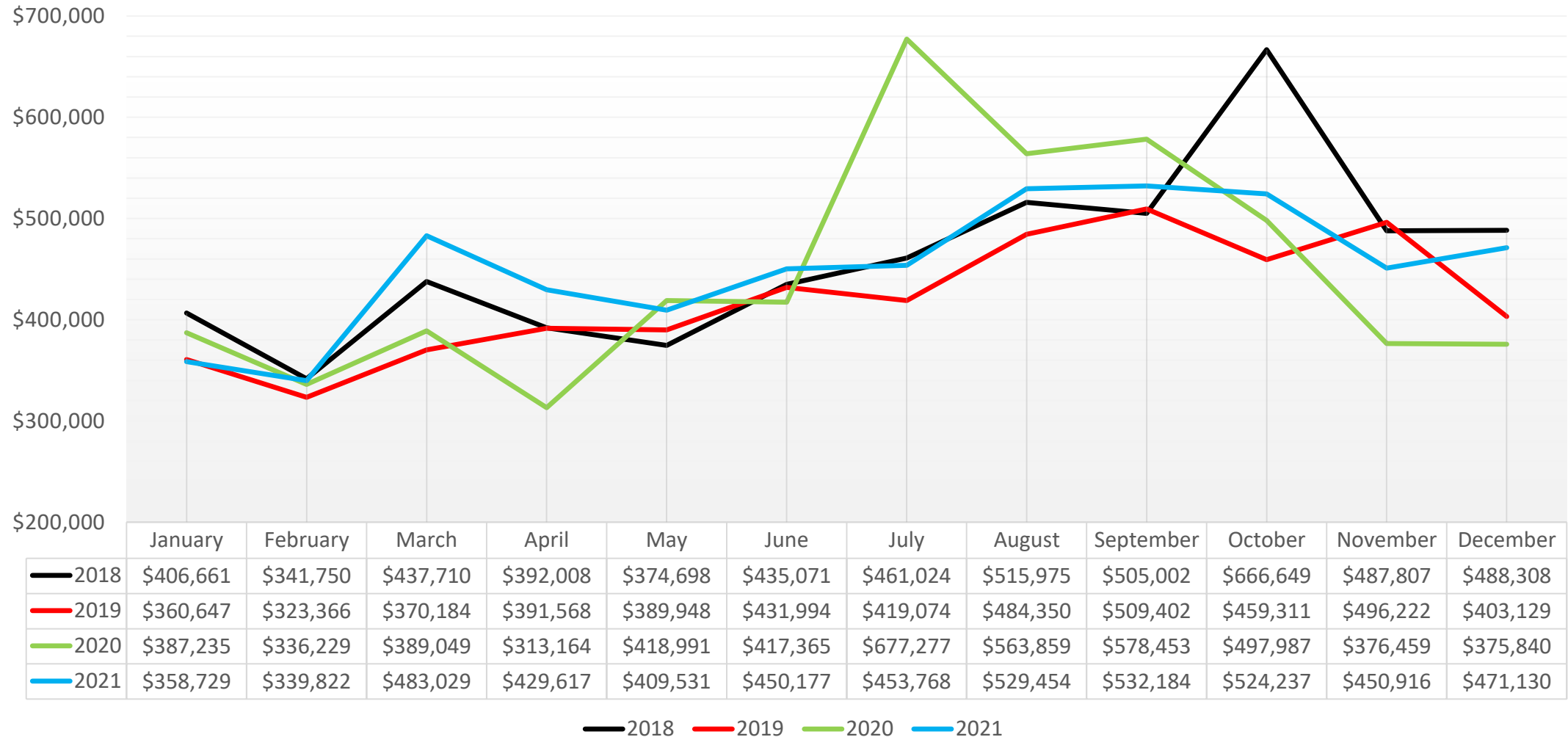
Real Property Values (2012-2021)





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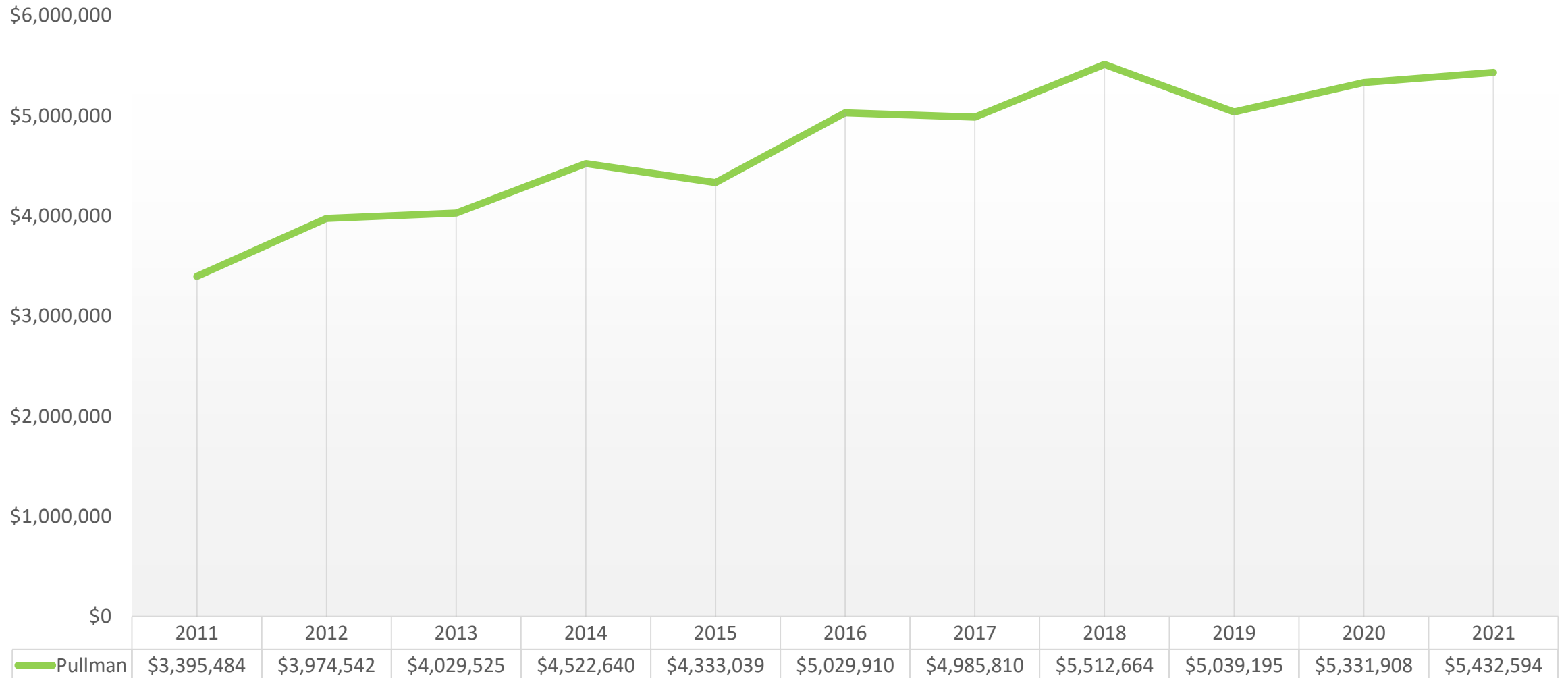
Sales Tax Collected by Month (2018-2021)





CITY FINANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Sales Tax Collected (2011-2021)





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