



Regular Meeting of the City Council
April 22, 2026 - 6:00 PM Hybrid Meeting

a. Call to Order

Mayor JoEllen Kesti called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Roll Call

Present: Mayor JoEllen Kesti, Councilmembers Paul Cocke, Kevin Loy, Nora Pederson, Allan Henderson, and Nick Lavacca. Councilmember Karl de Jong joined online.

d. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to approve the agenda. Motion carried (6-0).

e. Consent Agenda

Note: Items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine in nature and may be adopted by the Council by a single motion, unless any Councilmember wishes an item to be removed. The Council on the Regular Agenda will consider any item so removed after the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Pederson to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried (6-0).

1. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - March 25, 2026
2. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - April 8, 2026
3. Minutes - Special City Council Meeting - April 14, 2026
4. Check Register - Regular & Off-Cycle

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

1. Skagit Climate Science Consortium (SC²) and Skagit River System Cooperative (SRSC) - Skagit River Modeling

Public Works Director Bill Bullock introduced Nora Kammer, Skagit River System Cooperative, Dr. Guillaume Mauger, University of Washington Climate Impacts Group, consultant to Skagit Climate Science Consortium, and Steve Moddemeyer, consultant to Skagit Climate Science Consortium a slide show was presented regarding Skagit River flood modeling and an upcoming grant opportunity for additional flood residence work.

g. City Administrator Report

1. Senior Services and Nutrition Update

City Administrator Charlie Bush shared updates on the Senior Services Nutrition Program.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Loy has nothing to report.

Councilmember Henderson appreciates the police and fire for their professionalism and dedication while referring to a recent high-speed chase in Sedro-Woolley.

Councilmember Cocke attended the Hearing Examiner hearing regarding housing development in his ward and spoke about increased traffic from Fruitdale Rd to Olmsted Park, while suggesting possible rumble strips being installed to slow traffic down. He stated that the Wills Bridge at Olmsted Park is such a beautiful memorial.

Councilmember Cocke attended the Skat Board Meeting and said they talked about the high increases of gas, oil and diesel.

Councilmember Pederson met with Mayor Kesti to discuss how they can best work together to meet the needs of the city and believes they can get a lot of good work done.

Councilmember Pederson attended a Housing Authority meeting providing stability with homes primarily for seniors, attended a training session held by the Association of Washington Cities Certificate Municipal Leadership Course, and she registered to attend a Housing Mini Academy, along with encouraging others to attend.

Councilmember Lavacca made a comment regarding a vehicle involved in an accident striking a retaining wall on Metcalf passing the stop sign, and suggested adding additional notice of the stop sign, making the stop sign more visible.

Councilmember Lavacca shared the anticipation and excitement of Olmsted Park opening up.

Councilmember de Jong extended his appreciation to the police and fire for their professionalism, and thanked them for the ride along over the last couple of weeks. He also thanked the parks and streets department for the overpass over on John Liner, and stated exciting times.

Councilmember de Jong promoted the Fishing Derby and encouraged everyone to join.

Mayor JoEllen Kesti thanked staff for the warm welcome and making her feel comfortable. She has been making rounds with employees and has connected with the boards she now serves on.

i. Proclamation(s)

j. Public Comments

Please keep comments to three minutes or less. Because State law prohibits the use of city facilities for the purpose of supporting or opposing a campaign or ballot proposition, we respectfully request that public comment not make reference to such matters.

Written comments will be accepted by letter or via email at finance@sedro-woolley.gov Attn: 'Public Comment' until 4:30pm the day before the meeting.

A public comment period was held.

Chester Allhouse, Philip Murray, Tina Champo and Joe Fattizzi made public comments.

k. Public Hearing(s)

1. Ordinance 2115-26 — 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update — 2nd Reading

Community Development Director Tom Glover shared the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update, Ordinance 2115-26.

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to have the cost of the climate element added into the climate element, what the city has spent so far to date, and includes that the city received a \$500,000 grant to develop that element. Motion failed (3-3). Councilmembers Pederson, Cocke and Loy opposed. Mayor JoEllen Kesti broke the tie in favor of including the cost of the climate element. Motion carried (4-3).

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Henderson for the current mayor to complete the mayoral message in the Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried (5-1). Councilmember Cocke opposed.

Motion made by Councilmember Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to approve Ordinance 2115-26 adopting the 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update. Motion carried (6-0). It is understood by council that the approved Comprehensive Plan includes the revisions to include the cost of the climate element and the current mayor completing the mayoral message, as approved by motion. It was also understood by council that the approved Comprehensive Plan will include Councilmember Karl de Jong on the acknowledgment page.

l. Unfinished Business

m. New Business

1. Resolution 1182-26 - Master Salary Schedule - 1st Read

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken shared Resolution 1182-26, Master Salary Schedule.

Motion made by Councilmemeber Pederson and seconded by Councilmember Cocke to

approve Resolution 1182-26 the Master Salary Schedule. Motion failed (2-4). Councilmembers Loy, Lavacca, Henderson and de Jong opposed.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca to approve Resolution 1182-26 updating the 2026 Master Salary Schedule for AFSME and Non-Represented Staff and the associated 2026 Master Salary Schedule for Non-Represented Staff, with the Associate Planner position to remain deactivated and Assistant Planner remain activated. Motion carried (4-2). Councilmember Loy and Councilmember Cocke opposed.

2. Purchase - Police Dept Vehicles ERR - Action requested

Police Chief Dan Mcilraith shared information on the purchase of police department vehicles.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Cocke to approve the purchase of three new patrol cars for \$194,971.75 and the purchase of additional necessary equipment to outfit \$99,091.22. Total amount of \$294,062.97. Motion carried (6-0).

3. Development Agreement - Amendment for Bucko Plat

Public Works Director Bill Bullock shared the Development Agreement, and amendment to the Bucko Plat.

Motion made by Councilmember Pederson and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca to authorize the Mayor, or designee, to execute the attached development agreement amendment, with minor corrections as required between the City of Sedro-Woolley and Bucko Survivors Trust LLC to allow construction of the Brickyard Creek road crossing as part of the North Trail Road Arterial project. Motion carried (6-0).

4. Procedures - Filling Vacant Ward 2 Position

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken shared the procedures regarding filling the vacant Ward 2 council position.

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to approve the procedures for filling the vacant Sedro-Woolley Ward 2 position by removing the executive session from the application process. Motion carried (6-0).

n. Information Only Items

o. Good of the Order

p. Executive Session

1. Discussion with Legal Counsel About Current or Potential Litigation (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i))

At 8:54pm, Mayor Kesti announced the City Council, with City Attorney Dan Curtis and City Administrator Charlie Bush, would be in executive session to discuss with legal counsel about current or potential litigation (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)) for 30 minutes to return at 9:24pm.

The executive session was extended by 4 minutes to return at 9:28pm.

At 9:28pm, the council returned. No action was taken.

q. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilmember Pederson and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca to adjourn the city council meeting at 9:29pm. Motion carried (6-0).

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Kelly Kohnken

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Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

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JoEllen Kesti, Mayor