



Regular Meeting of the City Council
May 13, 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 Cocks, Kevin Loy, Nora Pederson, Allan Henderson, and Karl de Jong. Councilmember Nick Lavacca was absent.

d. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Loy to approve the agenda. Motion carried (5-0).

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 Cocks to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried (5-0).

1. Check Register - Regular & Off-Cycle
2. 2026-278-IA - Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts - Internet Connection and Virtual Private Network (VPN) Router

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

1. Volunteer Recognition - Mike Pizzuto - Cemetery Gravestone Clean-Up

Mayor JoEllen Kesti presented Mike Pizzuto with recognition for his many volunteer hours of work cleaning gravestones and bases.

g. City Administrator Report

1. Status of Property Sale

Public Works Director Bill Bullock shared information with the City Council regarding the \$465,000.00 sale of 827 John Liner Rd.

2. Amendment to City Procurement Policy - Grant Applications

Public Works Director Bill Bullock shared information on the amendment to the City Procurement Policy regarding grant applications.

3. FIFA World Cup Grant

The Executive Director Monique Brigham of the Chamber of Commerce spoke to the City Council about the FIFA World Cup Grant.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Loy had nothing to report.

Councilmember Henderson had received complaints from constituents, but they are present tonight for public comment.

Councilmember Pederson has been introducing herself to businesses in Ward 3, and was asked how to increase foot traffic and shared issues with parking.

Councilmember Pederson shared her interest in the SW Housing Authority Committee as a liaison, Arts Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Northstar Housing Task Force and the Skagit Housing Consortium. She hopes to be involved with AWC Legislative next year then said she will be attending the June 1st, 2026 Port and the County Joint Meeting.

Councilmember Cocke appreciates that public comment is placed on the agenda before any action items, so people can speak to them before any voting takes place by the council.

Councilmember Cocke shares his continued concern about e-bikes and safety concerns.

Councilmember de Jong spoke on the success of the 75th Anniversary Kids Fishing Derby, and said approximately 112,000 fish were placed in the pond and 360 kids were registered to participate in the event.

Mayor JoEllen Kesti shared information regarding misinformation that had been shared with the public on social media about the Arts Commission and the downtown Christmas decorations.

i. Proclamation(s)

1. Proclamation Recognizing Building Safety Month

Community Development Director Tom Glover and Building Inspector Lowell Ausmus shared information regarding Building Safety, then Mayor JoEllen Kesti read a portion of the Proclamation recognizing May as Building Safety Month.

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.

Kathleen Roche-Zujko, Randy Collins, Kimberly Schlimmer, Damond Morris, Celeste Weaver, Sam Irons, and Peter Whited.

k. Public Hearing(s)

l. Unfinished Business

m. New Business

1. Ward 2 Vacancy - Interview Procedures

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken reviewed the Ward 2 vacancy and interview procedures with City Council. The City Council agreed to 14 questions as assigned to council members with one follow-up question each.

2. Grant Award - Department of Commerce - Northern State Historic Cemetery Improvements

Public Works Director Bill Bullock shared the grant award with the Department of Commerce for Northern State Historic Cemetery Improvements.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Pederson to authorize Mayor Kesti to sign the Department of Commerce Grant for the Northern State Historic Cemetery Improvements Project in the amount of \$169,750.00. Motion carried (5-0).

3. Authorization to Award - 2026 Pavement and Pedestrian Improvements Project

Public Works Director Bill Bullock shared information and requested authorization to award the 2026 pavement and pedestrian improvement project to TRICO Companies.

Motion made by Councilmember Pederson and seconded by Councilmember Cocke to award the 2026 pavement and pedestrian improvements project, contract 2026-PW-16, to TRICO Companies, LLC of Burlington, WA, in the amount of \$317,153.00 (including sales tax).

4. 2024-177-ILA - Skagit County - Amendment 1 Senior Services, Version 2

City Administrator Charlie Bush spoke with City Council about Skagit County, Amendment 1 Senior Services, Version 2.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Cocke to

authorize Mayor Kesti or her designee to execute 2024-177 ILA Amendment 1, Version 2, an interlocal agreement amendment with Skagit County for \$2,905.75 less than the original agreement. Motion carried (5-0).

5. Ordinance 2116-26 - Amending SWMC Chapter 12.36 "City Parks, Recreational Vehicle Facilities and Community Center" - 1st Read

City Attorney Dan Curtis spoke with the City Council regarding Ordinance 2116-26, Amending SWMC Chapter 12.36: City Parks, Recreational Vehicle Facilities and Community Center.

No action was taken.

6. Ordinance 2117-26 - Repealing SWMC Chapter 2.44 "Arts Commission" and amending Chapter 2.92 "Gifts, Loans and Donations of Works of Art" - 1st Read

City Attorney Dan Curtis spoke with City Council about Ordinance 2117-26, repealing SWMC Chapter 2.44 "Arts Commission" and amending Chapter 2.92 "Gifts, Loans and Donations of Works of Art."

No action was taken.

n. Information Only Items

1. Monthly Permit Report

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 7:58pm, 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 15 minutes to return at 8:14pm.

At 8:14pm, the council returned. No action was taken.

q. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilmember de Jong and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to adjourn the city council meeting at 8:15pm. Motion carried (5-0).

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Kelly Kohnken

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Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

JoEllen Kesti, Mayor