



Regular Meeting of the City Council
June 10, 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, Karl de Jong, James Cox and Nick Lavacca.

d. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to approve the agenda. Motion carried (7-0).

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 Lavacca to approve the consent agenda with minor edits to item 1. Motion carried (7-0).

1. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - May 27, 2026
2. Check Register - Regular
3. Professional Services Agreement Amendment No. 3 - WWTP Upgrade – Phase I Design - Revision

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

g. City Administrator Report

City Administrator Charlie Bush had nothing to report.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Pederson attended the Joint City of Sedro-Woolley, City Council and Port of Skagit County Commissioners Meeting and wanted to thank Mayor Kesti and Councilmember Cocke for their hard work on the Hub building. She also shared that she

walked down to the Blast from the Past and wanted to thank all our partners for making that happen and said it's a fun event and a great way to start the summer.

Councilmember Pederson met with the Building and Planning Department and said they would be doing some code updates. She was able to get some questions answered by our very knowledgeable staff about zoning.

Councilmember Pederson shared that she will be attending the SWAMP fundraiser concert at the YMCA on Thursday, June 11, 2026, and encouraged others to attend.

Councilmember de Jong shared HWY 20 will be reopening June 19, 2026, for the Gateway to the North Cascades. He attended the Joint City of Sedro-Woolley, City Council and Port of Skagit County Commissioners Meeting and said it was useful seeing the HUB building in person.

Councilmember de Jong attended the Blast from the Past and City Works Day and the Chamber Luncheon.

Councilmember de Jong is looking forward to participating fully at the next Skagit Transit Board Meeting. He thanked the residents for sending constructive feedback, as it is helpful.

Councilmember Cox shared he really enjoyed going up to the Swift Center to see the Innovation Center and attending the Joint City of Sedro-Woolley, City Council and Port of Skagit County Commissioners Meeting and said he also attended the Blast from the Past as a business owner and went to the car show.

Councilmember Lavacca spoke about attending a portion of the Joint City of Sedro-Woolley, City Council and Port of Skagit County Commissioners Meeting and was thankful they were able to communicate well with council about their future plans for the Innovation Center.

Councilmember Lavacca said the Blast from the Past was a lot of fun and thanked all the volunteers. And mentioned he supports community-led groups such as Blast from the Past and Loggerodeo. He wants to discuss the proposed name change and squash the rumor mill.

Councilmember Henderson shared that he went downtown for the Blast from the Past this weekend and said it was a great time and very thankful the weather cleared up for the car show on Sunday.

Councilmember Henderson attended the Joint City of Sedro-Woolley, City Council and Port of Skagit County Commissioners Meeting and said they shared a lot of good information, he said the building was beautiful, and it was cool to see the long-term plan of the newly renovated building for new businesses.

Councilmember Loy shared that they had their next-to-last meeting on the upcoming skateboard challenge that was renamed the Log Jam. Everything was rolling on pretty well. Karl de Jong made a poster for the event this year, and he likes to see the growth every year.

Councilmember Cocke thanked the many volunteers and city staff that helped with Blast from the Past, including braving torrential rainfall. He and Mayor Kesti along with other Council members, attended the Joint City of Sedro-Woolley, City Council and Port of Skagit County Commissioners Meeting and met with the Skagit County Commissioners who those who represented the Upper Skagit Tribe and the Innovation Center at the Swift Center.

Councilmember Cocke is on the committee trying to restore the HUB building and said the work they are doing is fantastic. He said a big shout-out to those efforts because the building is beautiful and encourages others to go check it out.

Mayor JoEllen Kest had nothing to report.

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.

Brent Schiefelbein, Andrew Shamp, Eric Johnson and Brad Worley made public comments.

k. Public Hearing(s)

l. Unfinished Business

1. City Strategic Plan (City Council Goals)

City Administrator Charlie Bush reviewed the City Strategic Plan Draft with the City Council and was seeking feedback for completion.

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to approve the City's Strategic Plan Draft with some edits to goal 1, strategy 4.2 for "future consideration", goal 3 add "continue. Motion carried (5-2). Councilmember Pederson and Cocke opposed.

m. New Business

1. Ordinance 2119-26 - Amending Chapters. 10.92 and 10.96 Regarding E-Bikes - Action Requested

City Attorney Dan Curtis and Police Chief Dan McIlraith shared information about Ordinance 2219-26 amending chapter 10.92 "toy vehicles" and chapter 10.96 "on or off the road vehicles" of the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code.

Motion made by Councilmember de Jong and seconded by Councilmember Pederson to approve Ordinance 2119-26 amending chapter 10.92 "toy vehicles" and chapter 10.96 "on or off-road vehicles" of the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code. Motion carried (7-0).

2. Policy Direction Regarding Senior Center Operations

City Administrator Charlie Bush shared information about the policy direction regarding Senior Center Operations.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember de Jong to provide Senior Center Services directly and amend the interlocal agreement with the County to acquire the remaining funds slated for 2026. In addition, tasking staff to add to the salary schedule for a Senior Center Services Coordinator position and incorporate a budget amendment for the remainder of 2026. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Ordinance 2121-26 - Repealing Chapter 2.50 "Parking Commission" of the Municipal Code - 1st Read

City Attorney Dan Curtis shared information about Ordinance 2121-26, repealing Chapter 2.50 "Parking Commission" of the Municipal Code.

Motion made by Councilmember de Jong and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca to approve Ordinance 2121-26, repealing Chapter 2.50 "Parking Commission" of the Municipal Code. Motion carried (7-0).

4. Ordinance 2120-26 - Repealing Chapter 2.50 Park and Recreation Advisory Board - 1st Read

City Attorney Dan Curtis shared information about Ordinance 2120-26, repealing Chapter 2.50 Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to approve Ordinance 2120-26, repealing Chapter 2.50 Park and Recreation Advisory Board. Motion carried (5-2). Councilmembers Cocke and Pederson opposed.

5. Adoption of 2027-2032 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program – 1st Read

Public Works Director Bill Bullock shared information about the adoption of the 2027-2032 six-year transportation improvement program.

No action was taken.

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 8:31pm, Mayor Kesti announced the City Council, 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 8:46.

The executive session was extended by 5 minutes to return at 8:51pm.

No action was taken.

q. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilmember Pederson and seconded by Councilmember Cox to adjourn the meeting at 8:52pm. Motion carried (7-0).

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Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

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JoEllen Kesti

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JoEllen Kesti, Mayor