



Regular Meeting of the City Council
June 24, 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, Allan Henderson, James Cox and Nick Lavacca. Councilmember Pederson had an excused absence and Councilmember de Jong joined online.

d. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session to discuss with legal counsel about current or potential litigation (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)) and add new business development and interlocal agreement with Skagit County regarding the first phase of the baseball fields at Northern State Recreational Area. 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 Lavacca to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried (6-0).

1. Check Register - Regular

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

1. Sons of the American Revolution - Flag Award

Ron Jenny with the Sons of the American Revolution presented the flag award to Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Gardner and gave recognition to the City of Sedro-Woolley.

g. City Administrator Report

1. 2026 Paving Program Construction Pictures

Public Works Director Bill Bullock shared 2026 paving program construction pictures and

gave updates.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Pederson was absent.

Councilmember Cox said it has been fun the last 2 weeks since his appointment to council. He said he met with Public Works Director Bill Bullock, who gave him a tour of the Wastewater Facility and met with City Administrator Charlie Bush, who shared with him the interworking of the city. He is looking forward to the Loggerodeo festivities and shared that he is preparing for the downtown activities. He thanked Police Chief Dan McIlraith and his team for their quick response regarding an incident regarding someone on his business rooftop downtown and said he appreciated the quick response time.

Councilmember de Jong thanked the Sons of the American Revolution for the flag ceremony and recognizing the city. He participated in the Skagit Transit Board meeting regarding public records staffing and the request for quarterly public records metrics and will continue to monitor the transit development plan process that impacts Sedro-Woolley residents that solely rely on transit for daily mobility. He is currently attending the annual AWC conference as the city voting delegate and will bring back ideas to ensure a successful outcome.

Councilmember Lavacca wanted to thank all the volunteers who are participating in the upcoming 250th Anniversary Loggerodeo, the 4th of July Parade, kiddie parade, and said he is excited about all the upcoming festivities. He noted there is still room for others to volunteer to help with the 4th of July festivities. He thanked the Sons of the American Revolution for coming out to celebrate the flags and recognizing the city.

Councilmember Lavacca shared the enjoyment of residents regarding the e-bike safety resolution that passed regarding the safety of the bikers and the drivers.

Councilmember Henderson shared that he is looking forward to the Loggerodeo and other festivities. He shared information about the Car Show that will be at the Eagles on June 28th, 2026 and encouraged everyone to attend.

Councilmember Loy reminded Public Works Director Bill Bullock about getting the flag installed at Hammer Heritage Square.

Councilmember Cocke attended the Sedro-Woolley Arts Music Performance a couple of weeks ago at the YMCA Recreation Center, and shared they had some great performances.

Mayor Kesti thanked Dottie Chandler of Loggerodeo for all her hard work and stated this is her last year leading the Loggerodeo events then thanked all the volunteers and staff members that make these festivities a huge success.

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.

Keith Wagoner, Chester Allshouse and Ernie Burnington made public comments.

k. Public Hearing(s)

1. Resolution 1183-26 - Adoption of the 2027-2032 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan - Action Requested

Public Works Director Bill Bullock shared Resolution 1183-26, adoption of the 2027-2032 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

Motion was made by Councilmember de Jong and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to approve Resolution 1184-26 adopting the 2027-2032 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program. Motion carried (6-0).

2. Ordinance 2118-26 - Amendments to Title 15 and Chapters 12.32 and 17.100 SWMC to Add Address and Street Naming Standards - 2nd Read

Associate Planner Ashton Sandoval Oaks shared Ordinance 2118-26, amendments to Title 15 and Chapters 12.32 and 17.100 SWMC to address and street naming standards.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Cocke to approve Ordinance 2118-26, amendments to Title 15 and Chapters 17.100 SWMC to add address and street naming standards. Motion carried (6-0).

3. Ordinance 2123-26 - 2026 Budget Amendment No. 2 - 1st Read

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken shared Ordinance 2123-26 the 2026 Budget Amendment No. 2.

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember de Jong to approve Ordinance 2123-26 amending Ordinance 2109-25 amending the budget for fiscal year 2026. Motion carried (6-0).

l. Unfinished Business

1. 2027-2028 City Strategic Plan (City Council Goals) Final Draft

City Administrator Charlie Bush shared final draft of the 2027-2028 City Strategic Plan for

City Council Goals.

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Cocke to approve the 2027-2028 City Strategic Plan with minor changes. Motion carried (6-0).

m. New Business

1. Resolution 1187-26 - Approving Joint Letter in Opposition to Goldeneye BESS siting
- Action Requested

City Attorney Dan Curtis shared Resolution 1187-26, approving joint letter in opposition to Goldeneye BESS siting.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Cocke to approve Resolution 1187-26 authorizing transmittal of a joint letter to the governor, EFSEC, and applicant opposing the proposed Goldeneye BESS site on the Hansen Creek floodplain. Motion carried (6-0).

2. NSRA Baseball Field Options

Public Works Director Bill Bullock shared the Northern State Recreation Area baseball field options.

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to direct city staff to engage Skagit County in developing an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for the purpose of implementing a first phase of the NSRA Master Plan to establish baseball fields, parking lot, support facilities, and other amenities on the southerly portion of the NSRA property (City Proposal Option 1). Motion carried (5-1). Councilmember Cocke opposed.

3. Contract Supplement No. 4 - DGK Inc. - Cascade Trail Phase 2A

Public Works Director Bill Bullock spoke about contract supplement No. 4, DGK Inc, Cascade Trail Phase 2A.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca to authorize the mayor or designee to amend the professional services agreement with DGK Inc. to cover environmental permitting required for the Cascade Trail Phase 2A: supplement not to exceed \$15,682.76. Motion carried (6-0).

4. Ordinance 2122-26 - Amending Chapter 2.36 "Housing Authority" - 1st Read

City Attorney Dan Curtis shared Ordinance 2122-26, amending Chapter 2.36 "Housing Authority".

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Cox to approve Ordinance 2122-26, amending Chapter 2.36 "Housing Authority". Motion carried (6-0).

5. Resolution 1184-26 - Master Fee Schedule Update - 1st Read

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken shared Resolution 1184-26, Master Fee Schedule updates. Councilmembers requested Finance Director Kelly Kohnken to bring back a report on the total service charge fees the city must pay.

No action was taken.

6. Authorization to Award - Northern State Hospital Cemetery Improvements Project

Public Works Director Bill Bullock requests authorization to award the Northern State Hospital Cemetery Improvements project.

Motion made by Councilmember de Jong and seconded by Councilmember Henderson moves to award the Northern State Hospital Cemetery Improvement project, contract 2026-PW-02, to Janicki General Contracting LLC of Sedro-Woolley, WA in the amount of \$139,842.55 including sales tax. Motion carried (6-0).

7. 2024-177-ILA - Skagit County - Amendment 1 Senior Services

City Administrator Charlie Bush spoke to the City Council regarding the 2024-177-ILA, Skagit County, amendment 1 Senior Services Contract.

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember de Jong to authorize the mayor or designee to execute amendment 1 to the 2024-177-ILA, an Interlocal Agreement amendment with Skagit County. Motion carried (6-0).

8. Resolution 1188-26 - 2026 AFSCME and Non-Represented Salary Schedule - Action Requested

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken shared updates to Resolution 1188-26 with the 2026 AFSCME and non-represented salary schedule.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca to approve Resolution 1188-26 updating the 2026 AFSCME and non-represented staff salary effective date July 1, 2026. Motion carried (6-0).

9. Resolution 1189-26 - Skagit County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Public Works Director Bill Bullock shared Resolution 1189-26, Skagit County Hazard Mitigation Plan with City Council.

No action was taken.

10. Sewer Connection - Fire Protection District No. 8

Public Works Director Bill Bullock spoke about the sewer connection for the new Fire District 8 Fire Station, with conditions as required by Public Works Director, Bill Bullock,

along with Civil Engineer John Ravnik of Ravnik and Associates.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Cox to approve a sewer connection for the new Fire District 8 Fire Station, with conditions as required by the Public Works Director, Bill Bullock. Motion carried (6-0).

11. Resolution 1185-26 - CCTV Policy - 1st Read

Police Chief Dan McIlraith, along with Woody Tovar Cano, shared Resolution 1185-26, the CCTV (Closed Circuit Television) Video Security Policy.

Motion made by Councilmember de Jong and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to approve Resolution 1185-26 CCTV (Closed Circuit Television) Video Security Policy. Motion carried (6-0).

n. Information Only Items

1. May 2026 Permit Report Summary
2. Family Promise - Funding Report and Sleepless in Skagit

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 10:06pm, Mayor Kesti announced the City Council, along 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 10 minutes to return at 10:16pm.

At 10:16pm, the council returned. No action was taken.

q. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:16pm.

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Kelly Kohnken

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Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

APPROVED:
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JoEllen Kesti

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JoEllen Kesti, Mayor