

Regular Meeting of the City Council
April 10, 2024 - 6:00 PM Hybrid Meeting

a. Call to Order

Mayor Julia Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Julia Johnson, Councilmembers JoEllen Kesti, Paul Cocke, Joe Burns, Sarah Diamond, Allan Henderson, and Nick Lavacca. Councilmember Kevin Loy joined via zoom.

d. Approval of Agenda

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

Mayor Johnson announced that public comment would be moved to after new business.

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.

Councilmember Henderson requested to pull item 9, the Agreement C20200613 Amendment with Skagit County for Mutual Assistance and discuss it. After discussion regarding item 9, a motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Cocke. Motion carried (7-0).

1. Minutes - City Council Study Session - March 6, 2024
2. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - March 13, 2024
3. Minutes - City Council Retreat - March 15, 2024
4. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - March 27, 2024
5. Check Register - Regular

6. Cues Video Inspection Truck Surplus - Resolution 1144-24
7. Change Order No. 1 - King County and Boulder Park Inc. - Boulder Park Project
8. Interlocal Agreement - Town of La Conner - Yard Waste Disposal
9. Agreement C20200613 Amendment - Skagit County - Mutual Assistance
10. Professional Service Agreement No. 2021-PS-06 Amendment - Transportation Solutions Inc. - On-Call Traffic Modeling
11. Sole Source and Award for WWTP Clarifier Repair - Resolution 1145-24

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

1. Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Executive Director Nicole Roozen - 2024 Tulip Festival Poster

Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Director Nicole Roozen did not present. The presentation for the 2024 Tulip Festival Poster was moved to the April 24, 2024, City Council meeting.

2. Oath of Office and Badge Pinning - Sedro-Woolley Firefighter Paramedic John Gossom

Mayor Julia Johnson presented John Gossom with a badge pinning as a Sedro-Woolley Firefighter Paramedic.

g. City Administrator Report

1. Public Works Update - Intersections and Field Work

Public Works Director Mark Freiburger gave a report and shared updates on the intersections and field work.

2. Community Development Grant Program Update

City Administrator Charlie Bush gave an update on the Community Development Grant Program, and shared that the city had received 8 additional applications for grants before the deadline of March 31, 2024, at \$31,000 over budget. They are still working through the applications and would be bringing the remainder of the proposals to the council on April 24, 2024. He also spoke with the City Council about introducing a revised proposal for an amended budget request regarding hiring a half-time Human Resource Analyst and contracting with consultants for additional work necessary on April 24, 2024, at the next City Council Meeting.

Police Chief Dan McIlraith spoke about the Drug Take Back Day scheduled for April 27, 2024, from 10am to 2pm at City Hall.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Loy shared he is still working on the skate board competition that is scheduled for August 17, 2024.

Councilmember Kesti shared concerns about speeding on Woodworth St.

Councilmember Diamond had nothing to report.

Councilmember Henderson shared he has had continued complaints of speeding on Township St, State St and Ferry St and also would like to bring the suggested crosswalk for Cascade Trail to the Public Works Committee meeting.

Councilmember Cocke shared he attended the luncheon event at Cascade Job Corp, Northern State for their 60th anniversary and attended via zoom an AWC hijacked by hate speech and public forum.

Councilmember Burns shared concerns about speeding on Jameson St and Township St.

Councilmember Lavacca requested an excused absence for the April 24, 2024, City Council meeting, and also shared safety concerns of structures at Northern State.

Councilmember Lavacca addressed Information Technology Director Eulises (Woody) Tovar Cano and asked about the update on the laptop inventory and when that might be done. IT Director Eulises (Woody) Tovar Cano hoped to have the inventory check done by the end of May if not sooner.

Mayor Julia Johnson shared that she too attended the hijacked by hate speech and public forum put on by AWC. Mayor Julia Johnson congratulated Councilmember Burns for completing his Certificate of Municipal Leadership (CML) and also wanted to thank Councilmember Cocke, Councilmember Burns and Councilmember Lavacca for participating for their involvement in the interview process for the Public Works Director and the Community Development Director positions.

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.'

A public comment was held.

k. Public Hearing(s)

l. Unfinished Business

1. Amendments to Chapter 16.04 SWMC Shadow Platting - Ordinance 2070-24 - 2nd Read, Action Requested

Planner Nicole McGowan shared an update on the amendments to Chapter 16.04 SWMC shadow platting, Ordinance 2070-24.

Motion to table the amendments to Chapter 16.04 SWMC shadow platting, Ordinance 2070-24 until October 2024. Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca. Motion carried (4-3). Councilmember Burns, Councilmember Cocke and Councilmember Kesti opposed.

2. Bendtsen Rezone (RZ-2023-004) - Ordinances 2071-24 and 2073-24 - 2nd Read, Action Requested

City Attorney Nikki Thompson engaged in an appearance of fairness colloquy with City Council to determine whether recusal or disqualification was appropriate. No recusal or disqualification occurred.

Planner Nicole McGowan spoke about the Bentzen Rezone (RZ-2023-004), Ordinance 2071-24 and 2073-24.

Motion to approve the Bentzen Rezone (RZ-2023-004), Ordinance 2071-24 and 2073-24. Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Cocke. Motion carried (4-3). Councilmember Diamond, Councilmember Kesti and Councilmember Loy opposed.

3. Amendments to Chapter 17.24 SWMC Minimum Commercial/Retail Floor Area in CBD - Ordinance 2067-24 - 2nd Read, Action Requested

Planner Nicole McGowan spoke about updates to the amendments to Chapter 17.24 Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code regarding minimum commercial and retail floor area in CBD, Ordinance 2067-24.

Motion to table the amendments to Chapter 17.24 SWMC minimum commercial and retail floor area in CBD, Ordinance 2067-24 and bring back to the Planning Commission for discussion of parameters of more than fifty percent for commercial and retail floor area in CBD. Motion made by Councilmember Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Burns. Motion carried (7-0).

m. New Business

1. Confirmation and Employment Agreement - Public Works Director - William Bullock

The City Council authorized Mayor Julia Johnson to enter into an employment agreement and confirm William Bullock as the new Public Works Director.

Motion made by Councilmember Kesti and seconded by Councilmember Burns. Motion carried (7-0).

2. Confirmation and Employment Agreement - Community Development Director - Thomas E. Glover

The City Council authorized Mayor Julia Johnson to confirm an employment agreement for Thomas E. Glover as the new Community Development Director.

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Burns. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Add Section 9A.240.010 'Abuse of 911 Emergency Reporting Systems' to SWMC - Ordinance 2072-24 - 1st Read

Police Chief Dan McIlraith spoke about the addition of Section 9A.240.010 "Abuse of 911 Emergency Reporting Systems" to the SWMC, Ordinance 2072-24.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Diamond to approve the addition of Section 9A.240.010 "Abuse of 911 Emergency Reporting Systems" to SWMC, Ordinance 2072-24. Motion carried (7-0).

4. Amend SWMC Section 6.08.170 Cruelty to Animals - Ordinance 2074-24 - 1st Read

City Attorney Nikki Thompson spoke about the amendment to SWMC Section 6.08.170 Cruelty to Animals, Ordinance 2074.24.

Motion to approve the amendment to SWMC Section 6.08.170 Cruelty to Animals, Ordinance 2074-24 made by Councilmember Kesti and seconded by Councilmember Burns. Motion carried (7-0).

n. Information Only Items

1. Police Staff Report
2. Police Proposition 1 Summary

o. Executive Session

1. Discussion on Property Acquisition (RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)).
2. Discussion with Legal Counsel About Current or Potential Litigation (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)).

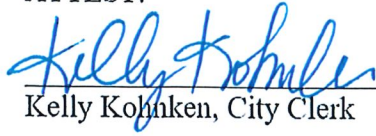
A discussion with legal counsel about property acquisition (RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)) and current or potential litigation (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)).

At 7:50pm, Mayor Julia Johnson announced the City Council along with City Attorney Nikki Thompson, Police Chief Dan McIlraith and City Administrator Charlie Bush would be in executive session for 20 minutes. Mayor Julia Johnson returned and announced there was a decision made regarding property acquisition (RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)), and regarding current or potential litigation (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)) there was no decision made. The executive session concluded at 8:10pm.

p. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

ATTEST:



Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Julia Johnson, Mayor