

City Council Study Session of the City Council
April 2, 2025 - 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, Kevin Loy, Joe Burns, and Allan Henderson. Councilmembers Lavacca and Diamond joined online.

d. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Burns to approve the agenda as written with moving the Executive Session to the top of the agenda. Motion carried (7-0).

e. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

1. Skagit Tourism Bureau CEO Kristen Keltz

Skagit Tourism Bureau CEO Kristen Keltz, Vice President of Marketing and Operations Elizabeth Tyler and Sports Development Manager Cody Hurd presented a PowerPoint about Skagit Tourism.

2. Local Government Affairs of Puget Sound Energy for Skagit and Snohomish County
Robert Knoll

Local Government Affairs for Puget Sound Energy for Skagit and Snohomish County, Robert Knoll shared a PowerPoint about PSE's transformation to cleaner energy.

f. Unfinished Business

g. New Business

1. Skagit Council Regional Call for Projects - John Liner Arterial Improvement Project & F&S Grade Road Improvements Phase 1 Project

Assistant Engineer Kyle Anderson spoke about the John Liner Arterial Improvement Project and F & S Grade Improvements Phase 1 Project.

1. Motion to approve an additional commitment of \$321,215 in local funding to match the

STPUS federal funds grant for the John Liner Arterial Improvements Project.

2. Motion to authorize Mayor Julia Johnson to sign the attached Project Endorsement Form for the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program through Skagit Council of Governments for the John Liner Arterial Improvements Project with an estimated project cost of \$2,980,091.

3. Motion to approve commitment of \$52,110 in local funding match for STPUS federal funds grant for the F & S Grade Rd Improvements Phase 1 Project

4. Motion to authorize Mayor Julia Johnson to sign the attached Project Endorsement Form for the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program through Skagit Council of Governments for the F & S Grade Rd Improvements Phase 1 Project with an estimated project cost of \$2,740,500.

Motion made by Councilmember Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to approve motions #1 through #4 with local funding matching totaling \$373,425.00. Motions carried (7-0).

h. 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.

Karl DeJong made a public comment.

Sally Carlson made a public comment.

Connie Krier made a public comment online.

i. Executive Session

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

At 6:02pm, Mayor Julia Johnson announced the City Council, along with City Attorney Nikki Thompson, would be in executive session for ten minutes to return at 6:12pm.


Mayor Julia Johnson and the City Council returned at 6:14pm.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to withdraw from the amended Opium RX opioid litigation. Motion carried (7-0).

j. Adjournment

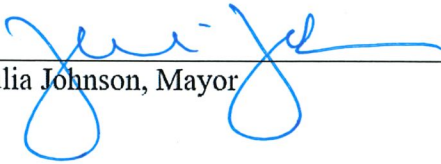
The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

ATTEST:



Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Julia Johnson, Mayor