

Regular Meeting of the City Council
April 9, 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, Sarah Diamond, Allan Henderson, and Nick Lavacca.

d. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and agreed on by Consensus of the Council to approve as written with moving the Executive Session to the top of the agenda.

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 Cocke to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried (7-0).

1. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - March 26, 2025
2. Check Register - Regular
3. Out-of-State Travel Training Request
4. Appointment to Sedro-Woolley Housing Authority Commission - Mario Padilla
5. Funding Acceptance: PWTF Planning and Pre-Construction Funding Program WWTP Facility Plan /Engineering Report Grant/Loan Award
6. Professional Services Agreement WWTP Engineering Report/Facility Plan

f. City Administrator Report

No report was made.

g. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Loy had nothing to report.

Councilmember Kesti spoke about an event at the Sedro-Woolley Museum and invited everyone to participate in the Two Lights for Tomorrow, which commemorates the 250th anniversary of Paul Reveres midnight ride.

Councilmember Diamond had nothing to report.

Councilmember Burns shared American Corp's recognized Helping Hands Food Bank and was presented with a volunteer service award for serving the Northwest Region of Washington.

Councilmember Henderson shared information from a constituent about shoulder grading.

Councilmember Henderson spoke about the Goldeneye BESS program, and said there was an executive order released by the Whitehouse to fight bad energy policies the states impose on their citizens. The whole executive order is online and suggested everyone send a letter and send it to the US attorney general's office as it suggested in this executive order in opposition to Goldeneye BESS with a timeline of 60 days from the date of this release.

Councilmember Henderson spoke about Senate Bill 5798 with regard to passing an ordinance keeping our tax increase rates at 1% and not the uncapped 3%. He spoke with County Assessor Danny Hagen about the different intricacies of what could happen in the bill as it proceeds through the floor. He wants the council to draw up an ordinance to give peace of mind and protection to the hard-working families of Sedro-Woolley.

A motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca to request the staff write up an ordinance that the cap on our tax will remain at 1%. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Lavacca gave an update on the Public Works Committee Meeting and also thanked Public Works Director Bill Bullock for presenting ideas for updating our transportation improvement board and making it easier to read.

Councilmember Lavacca spoke about the Tulip Art Show at the Locals this weekend. He thought it was amazing, and he hopes to see more of that here in town.

Councilmember Cocke shared complaints regarding speeding on Fruitdale Rd and McGargile, especially about the time when school gets out and into the evenings.

Mayor Julia Johnson spoke about the Tulip Exhibition and said it was well-received by the community. Northstar is having a symposium on June 6th, 2025 all day and June 10, 2025, from 6pm-8pm, encouraging council to attend to enhance clarity to see what Northstar is all about and connect with other council members.

h. Proclamation(s)

i. Public Hearing(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.

k. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

1. Skagit Transit - Long-Range Transit Plan

Executive Director Sam Zimbabwe from Skagit Transit shared a presentation about Skagit Transit's Long - Range Transit Plan and gave an overview and timeline.

l. Unfinished Business

m. New Business

**1. Amendments to Title 17 SWMC Off-Street Parking and Loading - Ordinance 2096-25
- 1st Read**

Assistant Planner Ashton Sandoval Oaks presented amendments to the title 17 SWMC off-street parking and loading, Ordinance 2096-25 and shared revisions requested by city council and added regulations from the state along with RCW's.

No action taken.

n. Information Only Items

o. Executive Session

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

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

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

No action was taken.

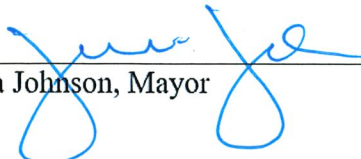
p. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk


Julia Johnson, Mayor