

Study Session of the City Council
May 7, 2025 - 6:00 PM Hybrid Meeting

a. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Paul Cocke, Kevin Loy, Joe Burns, Sarah Diamond, Allan Henderson, and Nick Lavacca. Mayor Julia Johnson and Councilmember Kesti were absent.

d. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

e. Unfinished Business

f. New Business

1. Exploration of Developing a Regional Fire Authority

City Administrator Charlie Bush and Fire Chief Frank Wagner spoke with the Council regarding interest in learning more about how a regional fire authority could work between the City and District 8. Forming a Regional Fire Authority can often result in cost savings and more seamless service for the public. The staff recommend proceeding with drafting an Interlocal Agreement to explore this topic if there is sufficient interest from the Council to review the proposed contract.

Motion made by Councilmember Diamond and seconded by Councilmember Burns to move forward with an Interlocal Agreement Developing a Regional Fire Authority. Motion carried (6-0).

g. 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.

h. Executive Session

1. Discussion with Legal Counsel the Legal Risks of Current or Proposed Action (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i))

At 6:36pm Mayor Pro Tem Henderson announced that the City Council, along with City Attorney Nikki Thompson, would be in executive session to discuss with legal counsel current or potential litigation (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)) for forty-five minutes, to return at 7:19pm.

At 7:21pm City Administrator Charlie Bush announced that the executive session would be extended to 7:30pm

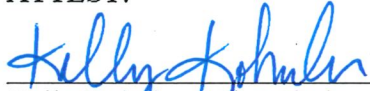
At 7:30pm City Administrator Charlie Bush announced the executive session would be extended to 7:40pm.

At 8:10 Mayor Pro Tem Henderson returned and announced no action had been taken.

i. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

ATTEST:



Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Julia Johnson, Mayor