



Study Session Meeting of the City Council
September 3, 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, Sarah Diamond, Allan Henderson, and Nick Lavacca. Councilmember Burns was absent.

d. Approval of the Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Cocke to approve the agenda. Motion carried (6-0).

e. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

f. Unfinished Business

g. New Business

1. Business License Endorsements - Property Rentals Discussion

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken shared information regarding proposed updates to the business license endorsements section of the Municipal Code, specifically property rentals.

No action was taken.

2. Special Events - Threshold Discussion

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken spoke about potential updates to the special event's municipal code, outlining special events thresholds for public and private event's.

Council consensus to revise the threshold requiring a special event permit on public property from 50 to more than 100 people and to provide clarification as noted in staff reports.

3. Special Events - Staffing Costs Discussion

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken spoke about the staffing costs regarding the special events, parades, and festivals as this provision of the code was never implemented.

Council consensus is that the city will continue to provide services and continue not charging event hosts for city staff costs.

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.

Mike Cullum and Philip Murray made public comment.

i. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

ATTEST:

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Kelly Kohnken

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Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

APPROVED:

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Julia Johnson

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Julia Johnson, Mayor