



Study Session Meeting of the City Council
November 5, 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. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

e. Unfinished Business

1. House Bill 1590 RFP Additional Project Funding Options

City Administrator Charlie Bush presented House Bill 1590 RFP additional project funding options to the council.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Kesti to not move forward with additional funding to House Bill 1590. Motion carried (5-2). Councilmember Burns and Councilmember Cocke opposed.

f. New Business

1. Housing and Human Services Funding Requests

City Administrator Charlie Bush presented Housing and Human Services Funding Requests.

Grant Manager Erik Larsen from Helping Hands Food Bank, Tom Pierce from YMCA, Audrea Woll from Family Promise, and Felicia Minto from Home Trust presented to the council. Ron McHenry of Boys and Girls Club withdrew their application.

Motion made by Councilmember Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca to approve the funding of \$40,000 to Helping Hands Food Bank and \$40,000 to Family Promise from the sale of the land currently occupied by Helping Hands Food Bank. Motion carried (4-3). Councilmembers Kesti, Councilmember Henderson and Councilmember Loy opposed.

2. Ordinance 2108-25 - 2026 Property Tax - 1st Read

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken presented Ordinance 2108-25, 2026 Property Tax to the council.

No action was taken.

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.

Dan Symonds and Dennis O'Neil made public comment.

h. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

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