
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Study Session of the City Council
Oct 4th, 2023 – 6:00 P.M. Hybrid Meeting

Call to Order

Mayor Julia Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Julia Johnson, Councilmembers Brendan McGoffin, Joe Burns, JoEllen Kesti, Nick Lavacca and Glenn Allen.

Councilmembers Chuck Owen and Sarah Diamond were not present.

New Business

1. Public Safety Committee

Councilmember Kesti had nothing new to report.

2. Finance and Information Technology Committee-

Councilmember Lavacca requested more financial details be available the City's website. Councilmember Kesti noted it had been previously discussed creating presentation to educate the council on budget and other City financial information. Councilmember McGoffin requested a summary of how the Police Department Proposition 1 was spent.

3. Strategic Planning Committee-

In line with Councilmember Kesti's comments regarding the Finance and Information Technology Committee, City Administrator Charlie Bush noted the Strategic Planning Committee has plans to provide additional education to the council in three parts. Part one will be general budgeting and financial responsibility. Part two, how those principles applied to the City of Sedro-Woolley's budget and financial position. Finally, using this information as a part of setting strategic goals.

Councilmember Lavacca requested that at the beginning of committee terms, the council receive an introduction on how to move things from the committee to the full council for approval.

4. Public Works Committee

There was a discussion on the amount of focus parks and recreation receive as part of the Public Works Committee. A motion was made for staff to suggest revised wording in the City Council Governance Handbook, for the Public Works Committee to include park construction and maintenance (infrastructure) and the Strategic Planning Committee to include park strategic development and use.

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember McGoffin.
Motion carried (5-0).

5. Planning and Business Development Committee

The Community Development grant applications were displayed at City Hall, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Central Skagit Library to gauge the public's support for projects. Councilmember Kesti requested the public vote be included when presented to council to grant the award.

A motion was made for council to consider sending the idea of an archway on both side of the railroad tracks on the Hwy 20 overpass to the Public Works Committee to flush out exactly what is required for the design and work through approval to bring back information to the full council. Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember McGoffin with the addition that the Strategic Planning Committee should also be involved. Motion carried (5-0).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

ATTEST:



Kelly Kohnken, Finance Director

APPROVED:



Julia Johnson, Mayor