
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Joint Council and Planning Commission Worksession
March 1, 2017
Public Safety Training Room

The worksession was called to order by Mayor Wagoner at 7:00 P.M.

Flag Salute

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Wagoner, Councilmembers: Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, Julia Johnson, Chuck Owen, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Planning Commission: Pat Huggins, Eric Johnson, Joe Fatizzi, Joe Franett and Silas Maddox Staff: City Supervisor/Attorney Berg and Planning Director Coleman.

Mayor Wagoner turned the meeting over to Planning Director Coleman who introduced the first item on the agenda.

Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments – 2017 Docket

- Planning Director Coleman discussed staff recommended items for the docket as well as the process for citizen initiated amendments. He then asked for any questions. Mayor Wagoner asked how members of the public learn about the deadline for applications for Comprehensive Plan amendments (including rezones). Notices are published in the newspaper and will also be published on the city website. Councilmember Sandström indicated an interest in rezoning 109 Jameson Street and the property in that area and further stated that possible developers have been discouraged by the current zoning. He would prefer a mixed use designation. Further discussion followed regarding the site, neighborhood and site issues.

Councilmember Sandström moved to docket the neighborhood around 109 Jameson for possible rezoning. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Additional discussion followed. Motion carried (4-2, Councilmembers Owen and Johnson opposed).

Fences in Front Setbacks

- Planning Director Coleman introduced the topic of fences in front setback areas. Discussion followed including specific questions about fences, fence height, landscaping and vision clearance triangles. No action was forthcoming.

Roundtable Discussion

Councilmember Kornegay – reiterated a concern about streetlights on John Liner at Reed Street. Mayor Wagoner and City Supervisor/Attorney Berg will follow up with Public Works Director Freiburger for more information.

Councilmember Lemley – questioned if any feedback had been received on the library partnership concept. Mayor Wagoner mentioned that he has received a letter that was very positive. Councilmember Johnson indicated that she also had received a couple of positive letters.

Mayor Wagoner – discussed the human trafficking conference at Swinomish from earlier today that focused on the Nordic Model.

Planning Commission Member Fatizzi – complimented the Jurassic Parliament training from last week. Several other members complimented the training too.

Planning Commission Member Huggins – expressed concern that we generally acknowledge that Ferry and Talcott are beautiful streetscapes but our ROW requirements do not require something similar on other streets. Why not? He would like to see a conversation about streetscapes and asked Planning Director Coleman if this could be on the docket for 2017. Coleman referred him to the current Public Works Department Standards on the city's website.

Mayor Wagoner – mentioned the scheduled town hall meeting with Representative Larsen this Saturday at 9:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers.

Councilmember Lemley – announced that former Mayor Stendal's service is at 2:30 P.M. on March 12th at the Sedro-Woolley High School Auditorium.

Planning Commissioner Johnson – indicated that the potholes in the city lot by the Mason's Lodge are getting really bad, again.

Without objection the worksession was adjourned at 7:59 P.M.