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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Council Study Session  
March 7, 2018  
Public Safety Training Room

The study session was called to order by Mayor Julia Johnson at 7:00 P.M. with the Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Mayor Julia Johnson, Councilmembers: Judith Dunn Lee (arrived at 7:04), Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, Pola Kelley, Chuck Owen, Karl de Jong and Jared Couch. Staff: City Supervisor/Attorney Berg

### **Council Roundtable**

- Mayor Johnson addressed a concern that was raised about the council selection process, specifically, that a candidate felt that the council had predetermined the outcome prior to the vote at the last meeting. The Mayor made clear that there was no predetermination and asked members of the council to use due care and consideration in communications to avoid any misunderstandings or misinterpretations in the future. Discussion followed by the council with an affirmation that no decision had been made prior to the actual vote.
- Councilmember Kornegay addressed a concern with the alley between Metcalf and Murdock (the driveway behind Pam's) next to the Tesarik Field. There is a large drop on the roadway in that vicinity.
- Councilmember de Jong walked his ward last weekend to discuss the city sidewalk partnership and would like some additional copies of the program to hand out to residents. He also mentioned that 11th Street from Jameson north to Talcott needs help and the 900 block of Bennett needs help too; both locations are showing significant wear to the roadway. He asked when the light would be replaced at Metcalf and Woodworth; City Supervisor/Attorney Berg responded that it was not scheduled to be replaced. de Jong asked about the old video store; Berg stated that the fence would be removed once the grass took root and that the property owner was in the process of selling the site.
- Councilman Couch asked about sidewalk maintenance and repair rules and regulations. City Supervisor/Attorney Berg discussed the city's code and past practice related to street trees and sidewalks. Couch expressed a concern with shifting the burden onto adjoining property owners. He also asked about affordable housing and requested that Planning Director Coleman present a summary of the city's impact fees and specifically asked for a detailed breakdown of the impact fees and BP & E fees for the Downtown 48. He would like to see flexibility in the requirements to incentivize new construction. A discussion

followed about affordable housing and the housing needs of Sedro-Woolley and the region.

- Councilman Owen expressed a desire to see more family parks for picnics, birthday parties and small gatherings. Smaller shelters, picnic tables and BBQ pits are needed for the busy parts of the summer. He also suggested that a local talent competition would be fun to see at the amphitheater. Councilmember Kinzer asked about renting shelters and the rules for renting shelters. Councilmember Couch asked about ways to fund additional shelters.
- Councilmember Kinzer reported on the status of PCN including a variety of possible scenarios for the future and shared that she had invited a representative from Pioneer Human Services to speak to the council in the near future.
- Councilmember Kelley met with some city staff on Monday (on a tour with Councilmember de Jong and City Supervisor Berg). She discussed the limitations of our current parks department such as no recreation division as well as the challenges of having a combined parks/street/cemetery department rather than a dedicated parks and recreation department. She also expressed an interest in reconsidering accessory dwelling units.
- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg shared a memo discussion mobile and extension vendors as a follow up to the February 28, 2018 meeting. Berg also asked about possible dates for the city council all day retreat; it was decided that May 21, 2018 would work.
- Mayor Johnson announced that she is planning to adjust the seating for the city council.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 P.M.