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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Council Study Session  
May 2, 2018  
Public Safety Training Room

The study session was called to order by Mayor Julia Johnson at 7:01 P.M. with the Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Mayor Julia Johnson, Councilmembers: Judith Dunn Lee (absent), Germaine Kornegay (arrived at 7:12 P.M), Brenda Kinzer, Pola Kelley, Chuck Owen, Karl de Jong and Jared Couch. Staff: City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Fire Chief Klinger and Asst. Fire Chief Wagner.

### **Skagit County EMS Levy Discussion**

- Mayor Johnson requested Councilmember Couch to follow up on the EMS levy discussion. Following some discussion, Fire Chief Klinger passed out a handout that included SWFD's BLS transport data and an executive summary from the county regarding the EMS levy. Chief Klinger addressed training needs and other past uses and future needs from EMS levy funding. He also provided some history on EMS studies, reports, consultants, etc. Councilmember Couch asked about fire based EMS as a model as well as the DMAG (Delivery Models Advisory Group). City Supervisor/Attorney Berg addressed the DMAG. Discussion regarding BLS integration followed. Berg informed the council that a future possible decision is whether the city council wants to consider supporting or opposing the ballot measure. The consensus of the group is that it is premature to consider that question at this time. Chief Klinger asked if the council would support allowing SWFD to provide training to other departments as part of the Skagit County EMS System. The consensus of the council is to support this initiative subject to the details. Chief Klinger outlined what Skagit County pays SWFD from EMS levy funds.

### **Council Procedures**

- Mayor Johnson addressed the council procedures item and specifically posed the question about how intentional the council wants to be regarding the format and feel of the council meetings. Councilmember Owen expressed that three presentations at one meeting is too many. The presentations and questions should be limited in duration. Mayor Johnson asked about rotating questions among Councilmembers to ensure that all members have a chance to engage. Discussion followed. Councilmembers Couch and de Jong expressed concern with rotating one at a time on a strict fashion because some questions follow others

in a natural sequence. Councilmember Couch suggested a call light system to allow members to indicate a desire to speak. Councilmember Kornegay felt like the three presentations were too detailed to be at the same meeting. Councilmember de Jong concurred and stated a preference of prioritizing the presentations (i.e., items that require council action are to be prioritized over information only items). Mayor Johnson also asked about members talking over one another. Councilmember Couch stated that common courtesy should prevail. He also stated that the council has addressed some difficult issues, early, that seem to have divided the council in some ways. Councilmember Kelley asked if this is one of the reasons for the Mayor's interest in reseating councilmembers. Councilmember de Jong stated that he is open to reseating. Councilmember Kinzer pointed out that there are seven members specifically to allow for disagreements and a process to allow for a majority vote but it is important for the council to remain respectful.

### **Roundtable Discussion**

#### **a. Civil Discourse Program**

- Mayor Johnson started the council roundtable with a discussion about the civil discourse series that is coming to Skagit. The organizers of the series will be requesting support from the city of Sedro-Woolley and will be presenting at a future city council meeting.

#### **b. Revitalize WA Conference**

- Councilmember Kinzer talked about the RevitalizeWA Conference, becoming a certified local government, the creation of an historic preservation board and specifically cemetery grant funding (current grant opportunity to request up to \$50,000 in funding for capital improvements.) Discussion followed regarding possible improvements including fencing, lighting, interpretive signage and other ideas to enhance visibility, safety and security.

#### **c. Other**

- Councilmember Kelley reported on the opioid presentation from today's chamber luncheon.

Councilmember Kornegay left the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported that staff are working with two partners on two separate possible Rural Distressed County grant applications: The port for fiber within the city and separately the county for SR20 improvements in the vicinity of Life Care for highway access improvements.

Grant applications may be brought as late materials to the next meeting for council approval as the application deadline is next week.

- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg also reported on the status of the MTCA issues at Hammer Heritage Square.

### **Executive Session**

The Mayor called the meeting into executive session at 8:55 P.M. to discuss agency enforcement actions under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

### **Adjournment**

Without objection, the study session was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.