
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Council Worksession

February 1, 2011 – 7:00 P.M. – City Hall Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Mayor Anderson.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Ted Meamber, Tony Splane, Tom Storrs, Keith Wagoner, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Engineer Freiburger Others: Burlington Mayor Ed Brunz, Chal Martin, Scott Thomas, Kevin Rogerson and Dan O'Donnell.

- Chal Martin provided an overview of the FEMA flood mapping issues
- Scott Thomas and Kevin Rogerson provided an overview of the appeal process for seeking review of the new FEMA maps and discussed the attached document manual “FEMA Appeal Work Plan.”
- Kevin Rogerson discussed the new scientific resolution panel and related process.
- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg requested Thomas and Rogerson to address the value and importance of having Sedro-Woolley join the appeal through the attached draft interlocal agreement.
- Rogerson discussed the importance of accurate hydrology and future flood protection measures.
- Engineer Freiburger asked about Skagit County’s position. No one could address what the County would do with the FEMA map appeal. The County seems to be focused on the GI Study.
- Rogerson discussed the proposed interlocal in more detail.
- Dan O’Donnell commented on federal funding issues and the role of the county and the USGS.
- Councilmember Storrs discussed the City’s responsibility to serve the community and stated his support for the interlocal with a \$1000 contribution. Councilmember Meamber agreed.
- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg discussed the importance of accurate hydrology as it impacts future flood protection measures in Skagit County as a whole.
- Councilmember Meamber asked about the impact to Sedro-Woolley joining the appeal. Thomas talked about potential appeal to the Federal Court. City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted paragraph 5 of the interlocal which allows the City to withdraw with 30 day notice.
- Councilmember Sandström commented on the positive tone and asked to be included in positive cooperative relationships in the future. He also agreed about possible negative impacts in Sedro-Woolley of future Burlington projects and asked about the BNSF Railroad Bridge at Burlington.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve the interlocal agreement “An Interlocal Agreement Advancing the Community’s Interests for Accurate Flood Mapping in the Skagit River Basin Supporting the cities of Burlington and Mount Vernon Commitment to Seed Review of FEMA Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps”. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried (6-0).

- A question about medical marijuana was asked and a discussion followed. It is a changing landscape under both State and Federal law. The Council expressed an interest in learning more in the future.

With no further business to discuss the worksession adjourned at 8:37 P.M.