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City Council
Retreat Agenda

"What I believe in is a process rather than a finality." — Emma Goldman

"Change means movement. Movement means friction." - Saul Alinsky (generally considered the father of community organizing)

When: Saturday, February 10, 2007
9:00am-4:00pm

Where: Monroe Library -

Facilitator: Cynthia Stewart, Northwest Small Cities

9:00am-10:00am Mayor's opening remarks and visioning exercise

- The City has adopted a number of vision statements to guide the community over the next 10-15 years.
- Each year the city should review the community's vision of its future and seek to identify goals and objectives to achieve its long-term vision

Outcome

1. Review adopted vision statements from the Comprehensive Plan, Industrial Park Master Plan, and Downtown 2020 exercise.
2. Identify areas of vision statements that the Council wants to address in the next 24 months.

10:00am-10:15am Break

10:15am-12:00pm Land Use – How to encourage new retail/commercial development to kick-start an economic renaissance in Sultan

Issue –

- Proposed mixed-use housing amendment to the Highway Oriented Development (HOD) zone.
- The Stanton Group has requested a code amendment to allow mixed use development in the HOD zone in order to develop the property at the corner of Rice Road and US 2.
- The current conceptual drawings show between 600-700 residential units, 26,000 sqft. of office space and 80,000 sqft. of retail space.

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- The HOD zone encompasses approximately 200 acres of property along US 2 between the east and west ends of the City.
- The proposed change could have a significant impact on the city's land use element and levels-of-service

Outcomes –

1. Direction to staff on whether to proceed with proposed amendment.
2. Timing of amendment with Comprehensive Plan update
3. Steps necessary before, during and after consideration
4. Policy direction on percentages of housing/retail

12:00pm-12:45pm Lunch

12:45pm-2:30pm Public Safety – How to improve police levels of service while maintaining the department's budget over the next three to five years

- Over the last five years, the City has reduced the number of patrol officers and dropped its code enforcement program due the loss of federal policing grants and property tax revenues.
- The 2006 Police Levy to support the department's equipment needs failed by xx%.
- While the police budget consumes more than 50% of the City's General Fund revenues there is some perception the police could be doing more to connect with the community.
- There is interest on the part of the Mayor and some Council members to evaluate Snohomish County contracting models
 - Presentation by Snohomish County Sheriff's contracting group with Q & A follow-up with Council.

Outcomes

1. Review current public safety priorities and provide direction to staff on the Mayor and Council's police priorities.
 - What should be the day-to-day reporting relationships between the Mayor, City Administrator and Chief?
 - Should the department adopt Community Policing Priorities?

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- If community policing is a priority when and how should a community policing work program come back to council for discussion?
2. Are there other public safety activities such as code enforcement and animal control that should be part of a public safety program?
 3. Identify any interest in exploring a contract for police services and give direction to staff.

2:30pm – 2:45pm Break

2:45pm-4:00pm Budget and Finance –

- The Mayor and City Council have been making steady progress over the last eighteen months on improving the City's financial health.
- There are a number of financial policies the Council should consider implementing between now the end of the year to continue the City's steady progress.

4:00pm-4:30pm Conclusions/Next Steps