

## SULTAN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

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**ITEM NO:** C - 6  
**DATE:** October 25, 2007  
**SUBJECT:** A Holiday Tree for the Annual Holiday Festival  
**CONTACT PERSON:** Public Works Director Dunn

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### **ISSUE:**

The issue before the Council is to approve the donation of a holiday tree from the City's Watershed to the Sultan Community.

### **SUMMARY:**

As the community prepares for the Holiday Tree Lighting festivities, the Holiday Planning Committee has requested the City donate a tree to decorate with lights. The existing tree in Sultan River Park at First and Main Streets has grown too close to the Snohomish County PUD main transmission lines that travel through the City of Sultan.

The Holiday Planning committee discussed the placement and the size of tree needed. The suggestion was to suspend a fully lit tree between the spar poles in Sultan River Park on First Street. Since the October 11, 2007 meeting two alternate locations have been suggested:

- 1) On top of the gazebo at Sultan River Park, this would make the tree more visible from US 2,
- 2) On the Skate Park concrete.

All three options provide challenges, the City Attorney recommends securing the tree be engineered for wind load, roof load, and type of suspension material used. City Engineer Stack will engineer the method by which the tree is be secured depending the chosen location.

The Holiday Festival committee is requesting that the City Council provide a cut evergreen tree from the City of Sultan Watershed to be used as the Holiday tree

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

As a participant of the Holiday Tree Lighting Event, the City has provided the tree in previous years. Staff is recommending that the City provide a cut tree from the City of

Sultan Watershed. The City engineer would provide the engineering service to secure the tree in the selected location.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Sultan, over the last several years, has participated in the tree lighting ceremony by providing Sultan River Park, the Redwood Tree and lights for the celebration. The Chamber has participated by organizing the event, providing entertainment and refreshments, with the City, Fire Department, School District and the community.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact would be the cost of a 15 to 20 foot cut tree from the City Watershed and staff time to engineer the tethering of the tree in the selected location.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1) Provide a tree from the Watershed and engineering staff time to design the securing of the tree in the location chosen.
- 2) Do not provide the tree and request the committee ask an alternative source for the donation of a tree, providing a location and engineering to place the tree on City owned property.
- 3) Don't participate in the Sultan Holiday Festival.

**COUNCIL MOTION:**

Approve the City Staff to provide a 15 to 20 foot tree from the City of Sultan Watershed property to be used in the tree lighting ceremony with the staff engineer completing the design to secure the tree in the location of choice.

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**COUNCIL ACTION:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**