

**SULTAN CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

ITEM NO: C-14

DATE: December 13, 2007

SUBJECT: Reappointment of Councilmember Flower as the Snohomish County Health Board Representative

CONTACT PERSON: Deborah Knight, City Administrator *D. Knight*

ISSUE:

The issue before the City Council is to reappoint Councilmember Flower as the District 5 East County Health Board Representative.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Reappoint Councilmember Flower as the District 5 East County Health Board Representative.

SUMMARY:

Councilmember Flower's appointment to the Snohomish County Health Board will expire at the end of the year. Councilmember Flower has informed City Staff that he is interested in serving another term as the District 5 East County representative to the Snohomish County Health Board (Health Board).

The City Council needs to either reappoint Councilmember Flower to the Health Board or take nominations and appoint a new representative. A new appointment or reappointment of Councilmember Flower to the Health Board can occur during the December 13, 2007 meeting or the appointment can be delayed until January 10, 2008 after Councilmembers Davenport-Smith and Doorneck have been sworn-in.

The City of Sultan is a part of a larger network of county, state and federal governments. Legislation passed at the county, state and federal level impacts the City of Sultan. Regional work groups discuss many of the decisions made at other levels of government prior to adoption to ensure that issues affecting local governments are aired and resolved.

Councilmember appointments to regional boards, such as the Snohomish County Health Board, are important to ensure that Sultan has "a seat at the table" and that the

issues and concerns of small cities such as Sultan are considered during the decision making process.

BACKGROUND:

Snohomish Health District is the local public health agency for Snohomish County. Our 226 public health professionals work for a safer and healthier community through essential programs and services including:

- Birth & Death Certificates
- Food Worker Classes
- HIV/AIDS Prev. & Case Mgmt.
- TB Control
- Dental Access
- Health Care for Kids
- Immunizations
- Tobacco Control
- Disease Reporting
- Health Data & Statistics
- Restaurant Inspections
- WIC/First Steps

The Snohomish County Health Board is a 15-member Board of Health, composed of local county and city elected officials, who oversee the policy and budget of the Health District.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Reappoint Councilmember Flower as the District 5 East County Snohomish County Health Board Representative.

This action assumes the City Council is prepared to make an appointment and no other Councilmember is interested in seeking the appointment. Reappointing Councilmember Flower also provides continuity as the City's representative. It typically takes several years before a new appointee becomes familiar with the issues and the process. Changing representatives could disrupt that continuity and create a loss of "corporate knowledge" and effectiveness in representing Sultan.

2. Take nominations and appoint a new representative.

This action implies that the City Council would offer the opportunity to serve to other members of the Council or that a Councilmember is interested in serving on the Health Board. The Council could then choose to either appoint Councilmember Flower or another interested Councilmember.

3. Postpone taking action and direct staff to bring this item back at the Council's January 10, 2007 meeting.

This action would provide an opportunity for new Councilmembers Davenport-Smith and Doornek the opportunity to submit their names for Council consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Snohomish County Health Board meets every month.

Councilmembers receive \$40.00 per council meeting/ maximum two per month and \$35.00 per other meetings/ maximum two per month. The Councilmember that is appointed may receive \$35.00 in pay for attending Health Board meetings.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

I MOVE TO REAPPOINT COUNCILMEMBER FLOWER AS THE CITY'S SNOHOMISH COUNTY HEALTH BOARD REPRESENTATIVE.

COUNCIL ACTION:

DATE: