

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

ITEM NO: C-4

DATE: January 8, 2009

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

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Koenig, Clerk/Deputy Finance Director

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 expired 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. The Snohomish Health District will hold the annual meeting to elect Board of Health Officers on January 13, 2009 and has requested a letter certifying the City's representative by that date.

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

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:

Move to reappoint Councilmember Flower as the City's representative to the Snohomish County Health Board.

Attachments: A. Letter from Snohomish Health District



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December 4, 2008

Mayor Carolyn Eslick
City of Sultan
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BY: _____

Re: Annual Certification of Board of Health Representative

Dear Mayor Eslick:

The Snohomish Health District Board of Health is composed of the five Snohomish County Council members and ten representatives from the incorporated cities within Snohomish County. Under the current Health District Charter, city representatives to the Board of Health shall be certified annually by the mayor or city manager as properly appointed, in a letter to the Health District.

The current representative for your city on the Board of Health is:

Councilmember Jim Flower, City of Sultan.

The annual meeting to elect Board of Health officers will occur on January 13, 2009. In order to be in compliance with the Health District Charter, I request a letter from your city by that date, signed by the mayor or city manager, certifying your representative to the Board of Health for 2009.

If you have any questions, please call me at (425) 339-5210.

Sincerely,

Gary Goldbaum, MD, MPH
Health Officer & Director

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c: Councilmember Jim Flower
President, Sultan City Council