

**SULTAN CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

Date: October 22, 2009

Agenda Item #: A-5

SUBJECT: Appointment of Student Representative on City Council

CONTACT PERSON: Donna Murphy Grants and Economic Development Coordinator

ISSUE:

The issue before the City Council is to confirm Mayor Eslick's appointment of Stephanie Morrill as Student Representative on City Council, and Nic Gregg as the alternate Student Representative on Council effective October 22, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

On June 19, 2002 The Sultan City Council passed Ordinance 784-02 adding Chapter 2.21 to the Sultan Municipal Code to provide for a Student Representative at City Council meetings. This ordinance (attached) authorizes the appointment of a student from Sultan School District to act as a liaison between the City and the school on matters related to youth in the community.

On October 18, 2003 the Sultan City Council passed Ordinance 825-03 amending sections 2.21.030 of Chapter 2.21 Student Council Representative of the Sultan Municipal Code. This section changed the term of office for the Student Representative to beginning on July 1st of each year and terminating on June 30th of the following year. The student will be selected after Council review of letters of interest submitted by the students followed by a formal interview.

The City has appointed successful Student Representatives in the past. The last representative was Sonaly Sayavong in 2006. Her term expired in 2007. The Council directed staff to restart the program. The appointment process was delayed until the start of the 2010 school year.

The City received 6 applications for the position of Student Representative: (Attachment C)

- 1) Nic Gregg
- 2) Tanner Mehouas-Grier
- 3) Paxton Koenig
- 4) Stephanie Morrill
- 5) Russell Wiita
- 6) Michael Yates

On October 13, 2009 Mayor Eslick interviewed the six Sultan High School students who submitted applications. Mayor Eslick is recommending Stephanie Morrill for the primary position, and Nic Gregg as alternate Student Representative at this Council meeting.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Purchase of a Council nameplate and distribution of Council packets.

MOTION: I move to confirm Mayor Eslick's recommendation of a primary and alternate Student Representative on City Council effective October 22, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

Attachments:

- A. Ordinance 784-02**
- B. Ordinance 825-03**
- C. Applications for Student Representative on Council**
- D. Interview Questions**

CITY OF SULTAN
Sultan, Washington

Ordinance 825-03

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULTAN CITY COUNCIL
AMENDING SECTIONS 2.21.030 OF CHAPTER 2.21 STUDENT
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SULTAN MUNICIPAL CODE**

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULTAN DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. SMC 2.21.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.21.030 Term of office

A. The term of office of the Student Representative shall be for one calendar year beginning on July 1st of each year and terminating on June 30th of the following year.

B. In case of removal or resignation of the Student Representative, the alternate shall serve out the remainder of the term.

Section 2. Repealer: Any and all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of the City of Sultan inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. Severability: If any provisions of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance are held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or applications of the provisions of the Ordinance to other person or circumstances is not affected.

Section 4. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after publication as required by law.

PASSED BY THE City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 15th day of October 2003.

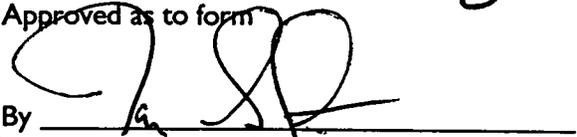
CITY OF SULTAN

By 
C. H. Rowe, Mayor

Attest:

By 
Laura J. Koenig, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form

By 
Thom H. Graafstra, City Attorney

Published October 18, 2003

**CITY OF SULTAN
Sultan, Washington**

Ordinance 784 -02

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Sultan adding Chapter 2.21 to the Sultan Municipal Code to provide for a Student Representative at City Council meetings.

WHEREAS, the City and the Sultan School District desire to ensure the needs of the Sultan community are adequately addressed in the decisions for their respective governing bodies, and

WHEREAS, the City as the local governmental authority allocated funding for programs and services impacting youth, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to obtain the advice and opinion from youth in city government, community and School District issues in an on-going and respective manner, now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SULTAN, as follows:

Section 1: There is hereby added to the Sultan Municipal Code Chapter 2.21 to read as follows:

2.21.010 Position Created: A. The City shall create the position of Student Council representative from Sultan High School to act as a liaison between the City and the school on matters related to youth in the community.

B. The student will be selected after Council review of letters of interest submitted by the students followed by a formal interview process.

C. The student representative and one alternate will be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council.

2.21.020 Duties/Responsibilities: A. The student representative or alternate shall attend all regular and special council meetings for the purpose of providing input as to the needs, interests, problems, and views of the Sultan youth.

B. The student representative shall be allowed the same amount of time to speak as the general public in accordance with the rules and procedures of the City Council.

C. The City shall seek opportunities wherever possible to establish a useful dialogue with the student on matters of broad concern in the community.

D. The Student Representative shall confer with the designated City/School Committee member or members in a manner provided by the Committee, and attend committee meetings upon request of the committee.

2.21.030 Term of Office: A. The term of office of the Student Representative shall be for one school calendar year beginning on September 1st of each year and terminate on May 30th of the following year.

B. In case of removal or resignation of the Student Representative, the alternate shall serve out the remainder of the term.

Section 2 Effective Date: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after publication as required by law.

REGULARLY adopted this 19th day of June 2002.

C.H. Rowe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura J. Koenig, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:

Grant Weed, City Attorney

Published:



**Application
City of Sultan Student Representative**

Applicant Information

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Grade 12

Time Commitment

The City Council meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 7:00pm to approximately 10:00pm. Appointment as a student representative to the City Council will require attendance at regularly scheduled meetings.

Student representatives are most effective in their duties when they commit time to Council-related activities. Are you able to commit time to the Sultan City Council and are you willing to arrange your schedule to participate fully as a student representative to the Sultan City Council?

	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever attended a Sultan City Council meeting?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please respond to the following questions regarding your interest in the position of appointed Councilmember for the City of Sultan.

Why are you interested in serving as a student representative to the Sultan City Council?

I am interested in serving as student representative because I want to get into politics, specifically human rights, as my future career. Being the student representative would be a first step towards this.

The term for this appointed position will be effective until the end of the school year in June 2010. What do you hope to accomplish as a student representative during this time?

In this term I would like to obtain and further my knowledge in government and politics. I feel this opportunity would be a great way to strive towards my career and get involved in helping to change the community.

Identify the three highest priorities you believe the City of Sultan needs to address?

For this question I could say the obvious things like the homeless community or drugs or even traffic. But I would like to touch on some of the less obvious issues I see. First off I believe that flooding is a serious problem. When highway 2 floods it stops people from commuting to work and cuts off other towns from being able to commute also. Another issue I see is the general look of the town. When people see Sultan they see the rundown state of some of the lots along highway 2. Another point I'd like to make is the lack of sidewalks on highway 2, so when people are walking on the side of the highway they don't have the curb protection.

Tell us why you should be selected as the student representative to the City Council?

I believe I should be chosen as student representative because of the previous leadership positions I have held. In my sophomore year I started a Gay Straight Alliance at the high school and have ran it as president since. I have also been an active participant in Link Crew my junior and senior years. Also I was nominated and attended a national Student Leadership Conference this previous summer where I represented Sultan high school and learned to be a more effective leader.

What do you plan to do after you graduate from high school?

After high school I want to make a difference. I wish to get into government and politics, specifically in the area of gay rights. I want to help form legislation to get equality for the gay community. I have made steps towards this career already by starting and running the Gay Straight Alliance and by going to the leadership conference. If I became the student representative it would be another step towards my future.



**Application
City of Sultan Student Representative**

Applicant Information

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Grade 10

Time Commitment

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YES NO

Have you ever attended a Sultan City Council meeting?

YES NO

Statement of Interest

Please respond to the following questions regarding your interest in the position of appointed Councilmember for the City of Sultan.

Why are you interested in serving as a student representative to the Sultan City Council?

I am interested in serving as student representative because I care about my community and think the opinion of the students of the community are vital to a City Council.

The term for this appointed position will be effective until the end of the school year in June 2010. What do you hope to accomplish as a student representative during this time?

I hope to make the opinion of the students at Sultan High School known. I know that there are many things we know and can help with to make better decisions for our community.

Identify the three highest priorities you believe the City of Sultan needs to address?

I think some of the highest priorities in Sultan are the safety of students, equal opportunity for all people, Volunteer opportunities for all. All of these are important issues that I feel that need to be addressed.

Tell us why you should be selected as the student representative to the City Council?

I should be selected for student Representative on City Council because I have lived in Sultan all my life. I get good grades, I care about Sultan and I am a hard working dedicated citizen of ~~Sultan~~

What do you plan to do after you graduate from high school?

I plan on going to college to major in ^{community} graphics design. I would also like to be involved in my community. After college I want to have a family while being married to a wonderful woman.



Application City of Sultan Student Representative

Applicant Information	
Name	Stephanie Morrill
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Grade 12

The Requirement

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YES NO

Have you ever attended a Sultan City Council meeting? YES NO

Please respond to the following questions regarding your interest in the position of appointed Councilmember for the City of Sultan.

Why are you interested in serving as a student representative to the Sultan City Council?

I am interested in serving as a student representative because I care about the school and its relationship with the Sultan Community. I have the potential for a strong circle of influence among my peers.

The term for this appointed position will be effective until the end of the school year in June 2010. What do you hope to accomplish as a student representative during this time?

I hope to provide meaningful input to include positive changes in our community.

Identify the three highest priorities you believe the City of Sultan needs to address?

- Asset-building for kids to give them life-long skills for ~~success~~ success.
- Youth poverty. to increase access to resources
- Increase family relationships.

Tell us why you should be selected as the student representative to the City Council?

I am active in school government, I can communicate clearly, and would like to be a part of making a positive difference in the City of Sultan. I believe in the potential of the valley.

What do you plan to do after you graduate from high school?

I plan to pursue a double-major in business and music at a University in Washington.



City of Sultan

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Application City of Sultan Student Representative

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Meeting Schedule

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YES NO

Have you ever attended a Sultan City Council meeting? YES NO

Interview Questions

Please respond to the following questions regarding your interest in the position of appointed Councilmember for the City of Sultan.

Why are you interested in serving as a student representative to the Sultan City Council?
I am interested in serving as a student representative because there needs to be a strong connection between the City Council and the youth of the valley. That connection is currently non-existent.

The term for this appointed position will be effective until the end of the school year in June 2010. What do you hope to accomplish as a student representative during this time?

During this term, I hope to fulfill the needs of the youth of the valley and create a strong relationship between students and the city council.

Identify the three highest priorities you believe the City of Sultan needs to address?

The three highest priorities the City of Sultan needs to meet are:

- More youth involvement in community service. Not as a graduation requirement, but to get students to want to be involved and understand the value.
- Preparing for natural disasters such as flooding.
- Building relationships between council members and residents of the Sultan area.

Tell us why you should be selected as the student representative to the City Council?

I should be selected as the student representative because I am a very active member of the Sultan community. In school, I participate in all fields, from band to sports to clubs. I also am an active volunteer at the VOA in Sultan and a member of the Health and Safety network. I understand the value and importance of community service and could offer a perspective from all students. I also spent my junior year of high school in Russia as an exchange student and can offer a global perspective.

What do you plan to do after you graduate from high school?

After I graduate from high school,

I plan to attend a 4 year college and then continue and get a masters. I would also like to travel inside and out of the U.S. during this time.



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Application City of Sultan Student Representative

Applicant Information

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Grade 12

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Why are you interested in serving as a student representative to the Sultan City Council?

Im interested in serving because I want my voice to be represented for the student body and to better the environment of the community.

The term for this appointed position will be effective until the end of the school year in June 2010. What do you hope to accomplish as a student representative during this time?

Well I dont really know the full duties of a student rep but I will fulfill those duties with the utmost urgency and responsibility. Also to voice the teenage opinion on city matters.

Identify the three highest priorities you believe the City of Sultan needs to address?

The city of Sultan needs to address the drug problems inside the city. At the bus stop next to the library, parks, even our own school system. Second the single parents. In the elementary school a very large portion of children attending there come from a single parent home and they need help such as daycare, help with shopping and basic needs. Last the homeless population here, possibly help them in anyway, I don't really know how but just help them. Maybe more food bank fundraisers.

Tell us why you should be selected as the student representative to the City Council?

I should be selected because I am very good at speaking out my opinions. As well as outgoing, learn fast, get the job done and I work hard. In addition to I know just about everyone in the school and can see how they feel on issues in the city.

What do you plan to do after you graduate from high school?

After I graduate from high school I plan to travel to Europe for a month and after that come home and get ready to go to a four year college, majoring in engineering. I haven't decided which type of engineer either a civil or petroleum engineer.



**Application
City of Sultan Student Representative**

Applicant Information

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Grade 10

Information

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YES NO

Have you ever attended a Sultan City Council meeting?

YES NO

Questions

Please respond to the following questions regarding your interest in the position of appointed Councilmember for the City of Sultan.

Why are you interested in serving as a student representative to the Sultan City Council?

Im ~~interested~~ interested in serving as a student representative to the Sultan City Council because I have family and friends involved with the city and it has always interested me.

The term for this appointed position will be effective until the end of the school year in June 2010.

What do you hope to accomplish as a student representative during this time?

I hope to accomplish as a student representative getting all the students in the Sultan School district active and actually participating in community events.

Identify the three highest priorities you believe the City of Sultan needs to address?

- ① The City already has many, many clubs and groups for youth's to get involved.
- ② Making Sultan a happy and clean place to be/live.
- ③ Change the minds of people about the teens in our community.

Tell us why you should be selected as the student representative to the City Council?

I believe I should be selected as the student representative to the city council because I am already very active as a ~~volunteer~~ for the city of Sultan. For example I have been helping with the Sky Valley Education Foundation, City Chamber. I am also a member of the mayors youth ~~committee~~

What do you plan to do after you graduate from high school?

After I graduate I plan on attending University of Washington to be a doctor.

**Student Representative on City Council
2009 – 2010
Interview Questions**

What activities are you currently involved in at Sultan High School and how will this tie in with those activities? How will you balance this with your other activities and overall goals?

How will you communicate youth issues to Sultan City Council? How can the Student Representative strengthen this connection between Council and students?

Do you have a connection with the younger students?

Tell me about a time when you needed to voice your opinion publically. A time when you needed to change an opinion or speak up for yourself or someone else?

