

SULTAN CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

ITEM #: Consent 6

DATE: July 8, 2010

SUBJECT: Letter of Support to Lower Speed Limit on US 2

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Koenig , Clerk/Deputy Finance Director

ISSUE:

The issue before the Council is to direct staff to prepare a letter of support for the Mayor and Councilmembers to sign to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to request the State lower the speed limit on US 2 throughout the City limits of Sultan.

SUMMARY:

Mayor Eslick received the following request:

Hi Carolyn, I spoke with Kirk Pearson at the last Hwy 2 Safety Coalition meeting and asked him how we could get some support for lowering the speed on the hwy east of Sultan.

He said he would appreciate a letter from you, signed by the Council members, asking for assistance in getting the speed limit lowered to 35 miles per hour thru the city limits, which would put it at the top of the hill just beyond Chevron.

Now, I am under the impression that this is something the city has wanted for some time so I took it upon myself to ask him. So if this is not supported by the council and yourself, then I am running on the wrong impression.

Also, another question I have for you and Deborah Knight is: is there an ordinance in the town regarding the speed limits in city limits? If so, I would like to see it. The town of Gold Bar had no trouble getting their speed changed because of the ordinance. Just another thought and strategy to get this accomplished.

Thanks for your time, I so appreciate you and your support.

Gloria Wolter

The City has made previous requests to the WSDOT to lower the speed limit to 35 MPH through the city without success. Gold Bar recently went through the process of changing the speed limit with their city limits and received WSDOT approval. After WSDOT approved the lower speed limits, Gold Bar was required to amend their ordinance to enable enforcement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct staff to prepare a letter of support to WSDOT to lower the speed limit to 35 MPH through the city limits on US 2 for the Mayor and Councilmember's signatures.