

**SULTAN CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

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ITEM NO: Consent C 2  
DATE: March 12, 2009  
SUBJECT: Council Meeting Minutes

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Koenig, Clerk/Deputy Finance Director

**SUMMARY:**

Attached are the minutes of the February 24, 2009 Special Council meeting as on file in the office of the City Clerk.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve as submitted

**MOTION:** Move to accept the consent agenda as presented.

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**CITY OF SULTAN SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING** – February 24, 2009

The regular meeting of the Sultan City Council was called to order in the Sultan Community Center by Mayor Pro-tem Wiediger. Councilmembers present: Champeaux, Slawson, Flower, Davenport-Smith, Blair and Doornek.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**ABATE Motorcycle Show:** The issue for the Council was to discuss and provide direction to staff regarding hosting the Antique and Classic Motorcycle show in the future. The ABATE group has decided to cancel the show in 2009 and there is not adequate time to plan the event in a new location.

**Public Comments:**

**Rod Hobelman:** The ABATE group has decided they do not have enough time to put the show on for 2009. They will be looking for a new host City for 2010. They have a \$20,000 budget and only \$5,000 is allocated for security. If they have the show in Sultan, they would need to use most of Main Street. There have not been any incidents during the twelve years of the events.

**Dan Thomas:** This event is something the City needs. Don't know if the City can afford it if they have the resources but we should give it a shot.

**Jeffrey Beeler:** They have a year to make a commitment and find resources for the event. This is a great event for the City as they need some way to draw people into downtown. This event could bring in 20,000 people to see what is available in the City. The City needs to work on making itself more appealing to continue to draw. The City does need to consider other needs they need to fill such as animal control and police services.

**Cindy Boyd:** She manages the Sultan Pizza and Sub and they would like to see the event happen. The City needs this business and they are prepared to support the event. She is not familiar with the event or what they do but has not heard anything bad about it. Main Street is primarily vacant and the question is can we put something in to draw crowds to downtown.

**Debbie Copple:** The BBQ restaurant supports the event. Businesses are struggling to survive. and events do help the community to let people know what is here. The Sportsman Club is willing to provide parking space for vendors. This would be beneficial to the City.

**Council Comments:**

**Slawson:** He is disappointed that they can't make the event happen this year. They are willing to work on the event for 2010, but the City doesn't want to do a lot of work and then lose the event to another city. This is a way to draw people on to Main Street. The number of officers per thousand needs to be reviewed and they need to consider partnerships with ABATE and the Chamber. Need to look for sponsors.

**Doornek:** Asked if they would change the name of the show to include Sky Valley or Sultan in the name.

**Flower:** There is support from the Council, the businesses and the Chamber and this is a valley event and he would like to keep it here instead of having it move to Everett or Tulalip. The empty stores would be leased out to vendors during the event which may make the event economically feasible.

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Blair: The Chamber hosts events and there have been discussions of other ideas to bring events to downtown to help the businesses. To have an organization that is willing to come in and run the entire event is great. The local restaurants could participate in the events. Using the Sportsman Club property for parking is a good idea. Renting out space could be a problem for small vendors if the building owners have an insurance requirement.

Discussion:

Chief Brand supports putting off the event for a year to give the City and Sheriff's department a chance to plan the event. There was only one call concerned about motorcycle gangs.

The City needs to determine if they are willing to pay the cost for security; how much they will require ABATE to pay; could they form a partnership to cover costs.

Suggestions to cover costs included a one day business license, cover charge and donations.

The cost for security was discussed and the amount of officers per thousand that is required for this event versus other events. Volunteers are used for other events to assist with security.

Staff recommended a contract that is flexible enough to bring back to the table if there are changes in the conditions and situation. Each event should be reviewed to determine the level of law enforcement that is needed.

Councilmember Flower requested a press release to let people know the Council would like to work with ABATE and the Chamber to make this event happen in Sultan.

Councilmember Slawson moved to have the City demonstrate interest and form a partnership with ABATE and the Chamber; seconded by Flower. All ayes.

Executive Session: On a motion by Councilmember Champeaux, seconded by Councilmember Slawson, the Council adjourned to executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss Union Negotiations. All ayes.

Adjournment: On a motion by Councilmember Slawson, seconded by Councilmember Davenport-Smith, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

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Ron Wiediger, Mayor Pro-tem

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Laura J. Koenig, City Clerk