



CITY OF SEQUIM News



June 2020

Meeting Dates

City Council Regular Meeting Council Chambers	2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Work Session Council Chambers (when required)	2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Council Chambers	1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Parks, Arbor, and Recreation Board Community Conf. Room	3rd Monday 5:00 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Community Conf. Room	Quarterly—Next Meeting June 8—12:00 noon
Arts Advisory Commission Community Conf. Room	3rd Monday 3:00 p.m.

Sequim City Council and other Board and Commission meetings will be held online during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please visit the City website <https://www.sequimwa.gov> for more information.

COVID—19 Update

SAFE START

As we move into the month of June, it is likely that Clallam County and the City of Sequim will progress into Phase 2 of Governor Jay Inslee’s “Safe Start” plan. This will allow for more businesses to open with appropriate safety measures. As things begin to open up, it is still important to observe precautions to keep yourself and the community safe and healthy.

Remember to:

- **Practice Physical Distancing**
- **Practice Good Hygiene**
- **Clean and Sanitize Surfaces**
- **Cover Coughs and Sneezes**
- **Wear a Face Mask to Protect Others**

You can learn more about the Governor’s approach to reopening at <https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-signs-new-covid-19-order-for-phased-re-opening-of-washingtons-economy-ad5ea919ab56>

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

- June 22—**1) Capital Improvement Program
2) Transportation Improvement Program



City of Sequim offices will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day.

Welcome New Employees!

- Mathew Lawson**—IT Technician (Temporary) -5/4
Michael Slezak—Seasonal Maintenance Worker -5/4
Alexander Jones—Seasonal Maintenance Worker -5/18

Civic Center Solar Panel Installation Complete



The installation of 132 solar panels on the roof of the Sequim Civic Center is complete. The panels were connected to the City’s utility grid on May 27 and are now generating energy.

The installation work began on March 16 but was suspended temporarily due to the COVID-19 restrictions on construction.

On a sunny day it is expected that the panels will produce 143 kWh, equal to approximately 9.4% of what the building uses. It is expected that the City will save approximately \$3,700 on the annual power bill for the Civic Center and the building’s carbon footprint will be reduced by 21.7 tons per year.

The City received a \$75,000 grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce for the project. The City funded the remaining \$150,000 from the General Fund.

Call for Entries— “Fluidity” Digital Art Exhibit

The Poet Rainier Rilke says, “May what I do flow from me like a river, no forcing and no holding back.”



The City Arts Advisory Committee (CAAC) is seeking entries of art, in any medium with the theme of Fluidity, for the next exhibit to be on digital display beginning July 2020.

Deadline for submissions is Monday, June 8 at 4:00 p.m. Only digital applications will be considered. To enter, complete the form at this link which allows you to download up to three images (preferably 300 dpi) per entry <https://form.jotform.com/92465220039150>. All entries will be juried by the CAAC on June 11 and artists will be notified of their status by June 15.

For complete entry guidelines and exhibit information, visit the City website <https://www.sequimwa.gov/694/Call-for-Artists-City-Arts-Advisory-Comm> or contact Arts Coordinator Aurora Lagattuta at alagattuta@sequimwa.gov or (360) 582-2477.



Coffee with the Mayor in June

Mayor William Armacost will make a decision on the best format to hold the June Coffee with the Mayor meeting by the middle of the month, depending on orders from the State of Washington and the Clallam County Health Department. If an in-person meeting is not possible, the Mayor will either hold a radio call-in meeting or an online virtual meeting. Please check the City’s website <https://www.sequimwa.gov> for the announcement.



Now is the Time to take the 2020 Census

The census is vital and directly affects funding, including public health funding for Clallam County.

Complete your census form online at 2020Census.gov click respond, or by phone between 4:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. at (844) 330-2020.

You Count—be counted before October 31!

New Traffic Signal at North 5th Avenue and West Fir Street

As part of the West Fir Street rehabilitation project, a new traffic signal is being installed at the intersection of West Fir Street and 5th Avenue to enhance east-west mobility for vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians, and to provide an alternate route to Washington Street. The traffic signal is slated to become fully operational June 16 and is the final improvement to be installed as part of the West Fir Street project. There will be a change in traffic patterns, so we ask that the public pay attention. Current traffic volumes on 5th Avenue and Fir Street are forecasted to grow. The new traffic signal will ensure there are opportunities for vehicles to enter onto and exit from 5th Avenue and Fir Street efficiently now and into the future.

The signal will also include features such as accessible pushbutton signals (APS) and countdown pedestrian signal heads that help improve the safety and experience of pedestrians and cyclists in general and users with disabilities in particular.

APS pushbuttons offer the following features:

- Vibrating button during Walk signal.
- LED light, sound and tactile bounce to confirm the pushbutton has registered.
- Ambient self-adjustable multiple sound options during Walk signal, including customized voice message.

Countdown pedestrian signal heads offer the following benefits:

- Walking man flashing to indicate it is safe to enter crosswalk.
- Countdown to indicate remaining time available to cross the intersection. This helps pedestrians make informed decisions about whether to cross or wait for the next signal.
- A stop hand flashing signal alongside the countdown timer when the time remaining reaches the level considered inadequate for the average pedestrian to traverse the crosswalk.

The work will be performed by Interwest Construction and Olympic Electric.

For more information, please contact the City of Sequim Public Works Department at (360) 683-4908.



Celebrate the First Day of Summer

Saturday, June 20!