



City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Information: 360.753.8447

Monday, March 17, 2014

9:00 AM

**Tacoma Municipal Building North,
Room 16, 733 Market St., Tacoma,
WA**

Special Meeting Re: Regional Strategies to Address Increased Drug Use

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Stephen H. Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Jeannine Roe and Councilmember Cheryl Selby

OTHERS PRESENT

Elected officials from the City of Tacoma, Thurston County, and Pierce County.

2. BUSINESS ITEM

14-0272 Regional Meeting to Discuss the Increased Use of IV Drugs in Cities

City of Tacoma Mayor Marilyn Strickland welcomed and thanked everyone for coming .

Discussion items included the following:

- Heroin's effects on urban development
- The quality and availability of opiates is on the rise, while the costs are down
- 250 new methadone treatment facilities
- Need more interaction with the Health Department
- Libraries are negatively impacted by drug users
- Support by neighborhoods is positive
- A study by the University of Washington show a large proportion of drug users die from overdose
- Prevention and intervention are key to curtailing drug use

The group then discussed a second meeting in the summer to potentially include the following items:

1. A joint presentation on Drug Units
2. Opportunity to create joint Thurston/Pierce County Health Department
3. Joint presentation from government relations staff regarding potential legislature
4. Opportunity/process to submit for Drug Free County Grant

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.