



Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, July 11, 2017

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Study Session

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Cheryl Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Jessica Bateman, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Clark Gilman, Councilmember Julie Hankins and Councilmember Jeannine Roe

2. BUSINESS ITEM

2.A [17-0656](#) Action Plan and Partner Engagement Update

Mayor Selby introduced Senior Planner Stacey Ray.

Ms. Ray gave an overview of the topics to be covered during the Study Session, which include Partner Engagement, Action Plan Status Update and Discussion.

Ms. Ray noted one of the primary goals of the Action plan is involve partners and stakeholders in helping to carry out strategies in the Action Plan. Those partners include government and community organizations; nonprofits and private businesses. At its January retreat, the Council selected three primary topics for further exploration regarding partnerships: homelessness/emergency sheltering and early learning. For each of the two topics, online survey input was collected and several interviews with key stakeholders were conducted. For early learning, a 2-hour stakeholder conversation was hosted.

Ms. Ray reviewed feedback received through the online surveys and interviews with stakeholders. She also discussed potential next steps regarding the issues.

Ms. Ray gave a brief update on the status of the Action Plan. She also discussed the City working with the Association of Washington Cities Center for Quality Communities on a leadership initiatives pilot program called the Participative Leadership Innovation Lab. The focus of the project is an Economic Development Approach to Addressing Poverty and Housing Instability.

She shared the benefits of the project, which include:

- Training in stakeholder engagement
- Addresses upstream causes of homelessness

- Economic development
- Regional partnerships: Thurston County Economic Alliance, Thurston Thrives, and Sustainable Thurston

Ms. Ray asked for feedback from the Council on the following questions:

Question #1: What's happened with the Action Plan that is important to you?

Question #2: In your role as a Councilmember, why is that thing important? Why does it matter?

Question #3: What should we do next?

The group discussed the responses. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The study session was completed.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.