



Meeting Minutes

General Government Committee

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Wednesday, September 25, 2019

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rollins called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair Renata Rollins, Committee member Clark Gilman and Committee member Cheryl Selby

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 5.A** [19-0872](#) Approval of July 17, 2019 General Government Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- 6.C** [19-0865](#) Tenant Relocation Assistance Briefing

Home Fund Manager Cary Retlin gave an overview of rental protection approaches. He shared data regarding Olympia area rents and incomes along with the causes and effects of eviction in Washington State. Mr. Retlin discussed rental protection programs in the cities of Corvallis and Portland, in Oregon, sharing pros and cons.

He reviewed issues a program in Olympia would need to address: type of landlord/exclusions (many programs exclude room rental or attached duplex); amount of benefit (fixed or based on current rent); if tenant is leaving because unit is unsafe or unhealthy (not being evicted); should this apply only to no-fault and how will we enforce compliance.

Committee members asked clarifying questions. They asked Mr. Retlin to come back again with more information regarding rentals, what a program would look like related to enforcement and rental discrimination complaints.

The discussion was completed.

- 6.A** [19-0840](#) Options for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Allocations and 2020 Action Plan Public Process

Community Service Program Manager Anna Schlecht reviewed activities and public process related to the Program Year 2020 Community Development Block Grant and the five-year consolidated plan (2018-2022). She discussed the five-year plan strategies and alignment with the Olympia Home Fund, Thurston County's Five-Year Homeless Housing Plan, Downtown Strategy, Community Renewal Area Strategies and Economic Development Strategies.

Committee members asked clarifying questions. The Committee agreed to move forward with the recommendations for funding related to housing, Ambassador Program, business training & technical assistance and planning. Committee members asked that staff consult with the NW Cooperative Development Center and other business organizations.

The discussion was completed.

- 6.B** [19-0841](#) Reallocating Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Related Funds

Ms. Schlecht discussed amendments to the Program Year 2018 and 2019 CDBG funds.

Committee members asked clarifying questions. The Committee directed her to begin the public process regarding amendments.

The discussion was completed.

- 6.D** [19-0842](#) Arts Commission Work Plan and Municipal Art Plan Status Report

Arts Program Manager Stephanie Johnson and Arts Commission Chair Timothy Grisham updated the Committee on the status of the Municipal Art Plan.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

The information was received.**7. REPORTS AND UPDATES**

Strategic Communications Director Kellie Purce Braseth gave an update on the Boards and Commissions recruitment process.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.