



City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Information: 360-753-8447

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

5:30 PM

Room 207

Special Meeting to Hold a Study Session

1. ROLL CALL

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

Excused: 2 - Councilmember Steve Langer and Councilmember Karen Rogers

2. 13-0097 Report on Countywide Homeless Issues

Mayor Buxbaum introduced Theresa Slusher from Thurston County and Anna Schlecht from the City and thanked them for their efforts in pulling together information for tonight's meeting.

Ms. Schlecht outlined the agenda for the evening and provided an overview and progress on the County's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, which was mandated by the State's "Homeless Housing & Assistance Act". Ms. Schlecht also provided information on the current state of homeless housing and shelter resources and occupancy rates.

Ms. Slusher provided an overview of the Gaps Analysis looking at gaps between needs and resources. The top five gaps in Thurston County's homeless system are youth shelter, youth bridge program, low barrier shelter program for adults, rapid re-housing for families, and permanent supportive housing for adults. Ms. Slusher also outlined the resources available for dealing with homeless issues.

Ms. Slusher discussed the emerging issues in the areas of homeless systems and administration, and the opportunities to improve the homeless system, provide new resources, create an affordable housing development pipeline, and improve administration.

Council participated in a panel discussion on homeless issues with Paul Knox, Executive Director of the United Way, Schelli Slaughter, Executive Director of the Family Support Center, and Phil Owen from Sidewalk.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Buxbaum noted that the Council will be adjourning to the regularly

scheduled meeting, starting at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.