



# Meeting Minutes - Draft

## City Council

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**Tuesday, July 12, 2016**

**5:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

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### **Multi-Jurisdictional Work Session on Housing**

#### **1. ROLL CALL**

The following Commissioners and Councilmembers were in attendance:

Thurston County Commissioners

Bud Blake  
Sandra Romero  
Cathy Wolfe

Tumwater City Council

Pete Kmet  
Joan Cathey  
Ed Hildreth  
Nicole Hill  
Neil McClanahan  
Tom Olvia  
Debbie Sullivan  
Elieen Swarthout

Lacey City Council

Andy Ryder  
Cynthia Pratt  
Virgil Clarkson  
Jeff Gadman  
Lenny Greenstein  
Michael Steadman

**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** [16-0819](#) Multi-Jurisdictional Work Session on Housing

Mayor Selby welcomed each jurisdiction to the meeting. She introduced Tumwater Mayor Pete Kmet who made opening remarks and acted as the meeting facilitator. Mayor Kmet noted the meeting is for information sharing only and jurisdictions will not

be making decisions.

Contractor with Thurston County Aaron Rodriguez discussed his work to revise the Thurston County Ten-Year Homeless Housing Plan.

Tumwater City Administrator John Doan, Olympia City Manager Steve Hall, Lacey Mayor Andy Ryder and Commissioner Bud Blake discussed the ongoing efforts and experiences in addressing issues of homelessness in their jurisdictions.

Mike McCormick of Home Fund discussed how there are not enough resources to address homelessness in the Community.

Family Support Center Executive Director Shelly Slaughter reported the federal safety net for housing has been falling apart since the recession. She noted homelessness is significantly on the rise, with a 23% increase in Thurston County in the past year, highlighting many of the homeless are children. Ms. Slaughter said there are not enough affordable housing units being built to accommodate population growth.

United Way Executive Director Paul Knox described a proposed Levy which would support the development of affordable housing. He would like the three cities and the County to move forward and work together towards a Levy for 2017.

Meeting attendees asked clarifying questions and discussed the issues.

Mayor Kmet and Mayor Selby thanked everyone for attending.

**The Study Session was completed.**

### **3. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Selby adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.