



Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, August 21, 2018

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 Lisa Parshley and Councilmember Renata Rollins

2. BUSINESS ITEM

2.A [18-0655](#) City-Owned Emergency Housing Facility Operating Plans and Response to Public Health Emergency Briefing

Mayor Selby introduced the topic, reviewed statistics regarding homelessness, and gave an overview of the discussions that have occurred regarding this topic thus far.

Downtown Program Manager Amy Buckler introduced the stakeholders in attendance:

Sidewalk Executive Director Phil Owen

Community Care Center Manager TJ LaRoque

Community Youth Services Director of Services Keylee Marineau

Low Income Housing Institute Executive Director Sharon Lee

Homeless Response Coordinator Colin DeForrest referred to the stakeholders as the Strategic Planning Team who have been working together with City staff on the plan that is being presented. He noted at the July 31 Finance Committee meeting staff received the following direction: involve local agencies and houseless individuals in the planning; use the coordinated entry system to prioritize the most vulnerable; explore all options for a day center; and support the Community Care Center. The Strategic Planning team and City staff identified their overall goals for the process. The goals are aligning with Thurston County's Five Year Strategic Housing Plan: moving to a 24/7 shelter system; provide safe, legal and supportive options for unsheltered individuals; increase capacity for caring for the most medically vulnerable individuals in order to create a safe community for all.

Mr. DeForrest discussed a plan to bolster the current sheltering system.

1. Interfaith Works shelter - Expansion to 24/7 services, increase in capacity and relocation to our Martin Way Site (March 1)

2. The Salvation Army - Expansion to 24/7 services, increase capacity along with the implementation of day center services (October - March)
3. Community Youth Services - Rosie's Place expansion to 24/7 shelter services (November)
4. Expansion of our Coordinated Entry services - bring staffing services to full capacity and provide increased outreach services (December)

Mr. DeForrest discussed the site on Martin Way. The group created a plan that would provide mixed-use emergency shelter and permanent supportive housing. The plan includes Interfaith Works shelter 24/7 expansion and relocation (March); Medical Respite beds (March); Piloting Car camping at the site (October - March) and Garbage services for the surrounding community.

Mr. DeForrest outlined the plan for the Nursery Village that would launch in November. This location, using a model that would be replicable in other parts of the community, would provide 40 units of tiny shelter for vulnerable individuals; connection to tailored services; and coordination with the Community Care Center. The City would partner with the Low Income Housing Institute to manage the site.

Mr. DeForrest shared data regarding the increase in people served with the addition of the identified housing interventions. Ultimately it would create 315 24/7 shelter beds in the community. The strategies moving forward are as follows:

- Salvation Army 24/7 Shelter Expansion (October)
- CYS - Rosie's Place Expansion (November)
- Nursery Village (November)
- Coordinated Entry Expansion (November)
- Respite Center at Martin Way (March or sooner)
- Interfaith Works Relocation to Martin Way (March)
- Salvation Army Day Center (March)

Next steps include:

- Finance Committee - September 6
- Homeless Response Plan - September 18
- Emergency Housing Facilities - partner engagement
- Street Strategy
- Secure Storage

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The information was received.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

