



Meeting Minutes

City Council

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
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Information: 360.753.8244

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

6:30 PM

Online or via phone

Special Meeting Work Session - Register to attend:

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1. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Cheryl Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Bateman, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Clark Gilman, Councilmember Dani Madrone, Councilmember Lisa Parshley and Councilmember Renata Rollins

2. BUSINESS ITEM

2.A [20-0748](#) Discussion Regarding Public Safety

Mayor Selby introduced Nancy Campbell as facilitator of the meeting. Ms Campbell reviewed the agenda and offered suggestions to help the Council focus on a specific aspect of public safety for tonight's meeting. Discussion focused on police and included:

- policing vs. public safety vs. community safety
- areas of control vs. areas of influence
- balancing accountability, police funding, affordable housing, living wages, and social services
- decriminalizing some of the laws on the books
- demilitarizing police training
- engaging the community in these conversations
- working with police officers and staff for perspective regarding use of force
- data driven decisions in addressing needs and barriers

Discussion on next steps and desired outcomes included:

- getting a new police chief on board to join the community conversation around public safety and help champion the equity commission work
- short-term actions the Council can work on include police officer hiring practices and increased training funding
- ad hoc Council committee comprised of Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Cooper and Mayor Selby to continue the conversation and bring short-term action ideas to the full Council
- weave the story of the current police department and court services into the conversation
- add regular study sessions in lieu of business meetings once a month

The study session was completed.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.