



Meeting Minutes

General Government Committee

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
Olympia, WA 98501

Information: 360.753.8244

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

5:30 PM

Online and Via Phone

Register to attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jISXAbUCRn6xf4k5VBQzjw

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair Renata Rollins, Committee member Yến Huýnh and Committee member Dani Madrone

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 5.A** [21-0213](#) Approval of January 27, 2021 General Government Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- 6.A** [21-0178](#) 2021 Olympia Heritage Awards Recommendations

Heritage Commission Chair Holly Davies presented the suggested 2021 Heritage Award nominees.

Committee member Madrone moved, seconded by Committee member Huýnh, to approve the Heritage Commission recommendation of recipients of 2021 Heritage Awards, and forward to City Council for consideration. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Rollins, Committee member Huýnh and Committee member Madrone

- 6.B** [21-0207](#) Economic Development Update

Economic Development Director Mike Reid shared an overview of current economic development data related to unemployment, labor trends, and workforce development training activities.

Thurston County Chamber President David Shaffert and Vice President Megan Fiess shared their efforts and programming to assist workers displaced during the pandemic.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

The discussion was completed.

6.C [21-0200](#) Update on the Process to Form a Social Justice and Equity Commission

Equity and Inclusion Coordinator Olivia Salazar de Breaux gave an update on the establishment of a Social Justice and Equity Commission. The Founding Members group consists of Anthony Markland, Frances Beard, Megan Matthews, Rusty Shekha, and Tobi Hill-Meyer. They have had four meetings so far and have chosen a consultant team to support the group in their next phase of the process, which is community engagement.

Ms. Salazar de Breaux shared information about the consultant team. The team is comprised of Fernell Miller, an Education Advocate and Youth Activist from The Root of us and Dr. Jen Self, a Racial and Social Justice Advocate from Brick 13. She shared the timeline for the project phases and planned touch points with the General Government Committee.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

The report was received.

6.D [21-0206](#) Preparation for Annual Meeting with Advisory Committee Chairs

Strategic Communications Director Kellie Purce Braseth discussed the upcoming General Government Committee meeting with the advisory committee chairs. They discussed the agenda and agreed it would include a focus on the liaison relationship, equity & climate frameworks and review of applications to Advisory Committees.

The information was received.

7. REPORTS AND UPDATES

Ms. Purce Braseth gave an update on advisory committee recruitment, which closed on February 25.

City Manager Burney discussed bringing forward a scope of work for a review of demonstrations to the March 24 General Government Committee meeting, with the intent to bring it to the full Council on April 13. Committee members asked clarifying questions.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.