



General Government Committee

Mid-Year Retreat Agenda Scoping

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to forward recommendations to the full Council for the upcoming Mid-Year Retreat.

Report

Issue:

Determine options and recommendations for the for the mid-year retreat.

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Presenter(s):

Jay Burney, City Manager

Background and Analysis:

The Council holds a mid-year retreat to review its progress and/or focus on other items of interest.

With the ongoing response to the global COVID-19 pandemic in Washington State, Governor Inslee took action to slow the spread of the coronavirus, including prohibiting all public gatherings and urging Washingtonians to self-isolate. On March 16, the City of Olympia closed all City building and send most employees home to work remotely or take emergency leave. In that time as well, the issues of racial justice in our community and around the country has come into greater focus. Originally scheduled for June 13, the mid-year retreat was postponed, as we are now in Phase 3 of reopening it is time to consider rescheduling the mid-year retreat.

The impact of the statewide shutdown on the Olympia community and its economy has been significant and is still not yet fully knowable. Along with this, the work around moving the dial on racial justice in our community is just beginning.

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A mid-year Retreat is proposed for August 15, so Council can consider together what lessons have been learned through the COVID emergency and assess how to move forward work around of racial justice.

With such critical topics proposed, the use of a facilitator, Nancy Campbell, will be helpful in keeping conversations on track and to ensure the most productive use Council's time.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

N/A

Options:

1. Consider agenda items for Council's mid-year retreat.
2. Do not consider agenda items for Council's mid-year retreat.

Financial Impact:

Funding to cover the costs depends on the use of a facilitator. We have budgeted for this work.

Attachments:

None