



City Council

Oral Report - Update from the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem on Status of the Convening Committee and Charter

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Recommended Action

City Manager Recommendation:

Receive update from the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

Report

Presenter(s):

Stephen H. Buxbaum, Mayor
Nathaniel Jones, Mayor Pro Tem

Background and Analysis:

Council authorized the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to draft a charter and identify a convening group. They will report on progress.

Relevant excerpt from June 16, 2015 Council meeting minutes:

Mayor Buxbaum reported on a Community Forum he attended at the Risen Faith Church regarding the May 21 officer shooting. He referred to a recent memo he sent to Councilmembers regarding options and recommendations to move forward as a community.

Council agreed to direct the Mayor to reach out to the cities of Lacey and Tumwater to write a letter to the Thurston County Law & Justice Committee asking them to look into issues, including race, poverty, and privilege as it relates to the justice system.

Council also agreed that the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem work to establish a convening group of 5-7 diverse members of the community who can help set up forums for education purposes.

Mayor Buxbaum noted he and Mayor Pro Tem Jones will work on drafting a charter for the convening group and will get that out to staff and Councilmembers as soon as possible.