



City Council

Approval of a Charter for an Ad Hoc Committee on Housing Affordability

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the Charter for an Ad Hoc Committee on Housing Affordability.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve a Charter for an Ad Hoc Committee on Housing Affordability.

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Presenter(s):

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Background and Analysis:

At the City Council's January 13, 2017 Retreat the council discussed the need for an Ad Hoc Committee on Housing Affordability.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Housing Affordability's initial major focus areas will consist of:

- 1. Examine Housing Funding Options** - Coordinate and confer with Thurston County, other jurisdictions, local housing providers, service providers and interest groups to examine the need for affordable housing and homeless facilities and services and the potential scope, scale, timing and approach to funding options.
- 2. Explore Partnerships Options** - Explore ways to enhance coordination, cooperation and commitment to regional approaches and strategic thinking to addressing the needs and impacts of homelessness and housing affordability.
- 3. Consider Public Engagement Options** - Consider measures to inform, consult, educate and

involve the community in discussions about the impacts and needs related to homelessness and housing affordability.

4. Review Tools - Review the financial and regulatory tools available to the City to influence housing affordability and homelessness. Develop strategic options for their deployment based on the realities of local housing market.

A complete work plan is attached and will be reviewed by the Committee at their first meeting and forwarded to City Council for review and approval.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Housing and homelessness affect the entire city.

Options:

1. Approve the Ad Hoc Committee on Housing Affordability Charter
2. Do not approve the Ad Hoc Committee on Housing Affordability Charter
3. Refer the Charter to Council Committee for additional review.

Financial Impact:

The Ad Hoc Committee on Housing Affordability will be supported by existing staff and resources through July of 2017. This effort may require reordering staff work plans to accommodate this new and significant effort. Additional staff support will require additional resources.

Attachments:

Proposed Charter

Proposed Work Plan