



OFFICE OF MAYOR DONNA DEEGAN

HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 28, 2024
2:30-4:30 PM

Committee Members

PRESENT:

Dr. Megan Allyse
Rev. Kate Moorehead-Carroll
Christopher Crothers
Shantel Davis
Jitan Kuverji
Jolita Wainwright

Liaisons

Council Member J. Peluso
Capt. J. Parramore, JFRD
Asst. Chief J. Ricks, JSO

Joelle Dillard, OGC

COJ Staff Support:

Barbara Florio
Schnell Chin

Guests Present:

Dawn Gilman
Kaylee Jones, COJ
Major Keith Biggers
Brenda Boydston
Joshua Hicks
Jon Brooks

Gary Judd
Carol Register
Neolita Maharaj
Art Westcott
Connie Doucette

Call Meeting to Order, Welcome

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 2:35 welcoming members and visitors. Quorum was present.

CM R. Salem spoke to Commission. JSO, JFRD, and City Council are aggressively working addressing HB 1365 to comply by January 1, 2025. There is a joint committee which has established a process with HB 1365 being its focus. This Commission should focus on creating a 1, 3, 5-year long term approach on homelessness. CM Salem recommended the Commission not look at finances, look at the process. He stated we will be extremely pleased with the outcome and majority of City Council is in support of JFRD and JSO progress. *Question regarding advocacy from this Commission – would it be appropriate?* CM Salem commented it is best to be in-person at City Council Committee meetings and City Council meetings.

Chief Powell updated work of JSO/JFRD efforts and processes established and being established. JFRD and JSO provided updates regarding the House Bill 1365-homeless 'camping' bill. JFRD Task Team members have been selected, the three-week training course to start 11/4, and go-live date will be 11/23. The current SOP is drafted, copy attached.



Council Member Peluso reinforced CM Salem's comments – the Commission is to focus on the creation of long-term sustainable solutions to the homelessness issues of our city. Developing a 5-year plan as defined in the legislation is the primary focus. Commission should set goals and deliverables.

Use the Commission's designated funds to hire a consultant. Cindy Schwartz has a consultant relationship with Sulzbacher and Chair Davis is reaching out to her. CM Peluso has previously used Civitas as a consultant. Housing and Community Development Division has a long-standing consultant relationship with Civitas. Commissioner Allyse will also reach out to Dawn Gilman for a list of consultants.

Hiring a consultant may require processing through Procurement, includes RFPs and Bids. Any consultant must be established as a city contractor. The complete process could take as long as 6 weeks. After Procurement processing, City Council must approve. The option of a Sole Source Request would shorten the processing time, CM Peluso agreed he would sponsor the funding legislation. Civitas is already a city contractor.

Commission requested a special meeting be held. Staff could not confirm a location. Commissioner Crothers will check on availability at Dupont. Scheduled for Thursday November 7th.

No Public Comments

**THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING IS DATE.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH**



CERTIFICATION
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