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PS & J Meeting Minutes

05-14-2020



Public Safety and Justice

Virtual

Council Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 14, 2020
6:00 PM
Council Chambers Virtual

Members:	Present:	Absent:	Commence:	6:01PM
			Adjourn:	7:24PM
Pam Fernald, Chair	X			
Senayet Negusse	X			
Takele Gobena	X			

Staff Coordinator: Jon Mattsen/Chief
 Other Council Members Present: Peter Kwon, Clyde Hill, Erin Sitterley
 Other Staff Present: Cindy Corsilles, Mary Mirante-Bartolo, Bart Perman, Sgt. Scott Dery, Lawrence Ellis, Mike Fitzpatrick, Carl Cole

1. Call to Order	Chair Fernald called the meeting to order at 6:01PM
2. Public Comment	<u>Comment</u> : No public comment.
3. Review of 1/9/2020 Minutes	<u>X</u> Approval Committee approved the meeting minutes as written.
4. Unlawful Camping Ordinance	<u>X</u> Discussion – Mary presented the draft Ordinance for Unlawful Camping and Storage of Personal Property on Public Property and amending Section 2.45.280 of the SeaTac Municipal Code. This was created so that the City will be in compliance with the 9 th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling of the <i>Martin v. Boise</i> case, and to provide law enforcement with the appropriate tools to enforce the Ordinance when necessary. Due to Covid-19, King County negotiated with a hotels in SeaTac to serve as a temporary shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness. There has been a significant increase in nuisance calls ranging from sleeping on sidewalks or in business alcoves, vagrancy, and individuals who have mental health issues and concerns. This Ordinance does not allow law enforcement to criminalize homelessness and will not be enforced in most parks and publically-owned areas when there is no available overnight shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness. Law Enforcement must make an inquiry of the status of the individuals’ homelessness and offer them services prior to enforcing most aspects of the proposed ordinance. The Ordinance can be enforced at any time on City streets and Angle Lake Park, Angle Lake Trail, and City Hall. Discussion / Questions followed.

	Committee recommends bringing the Ordinance forward with some minor revisions to the Council for potential action with CM Gobena abstaining.
	<i>Next Meeting: Unknown due to Covid-19 pandemic.</i> Potential topics for next meeting: TBD
Adjourn	Chair Fernald adjourned the meeting at 7:24PM.

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**DRAFT Ordinance
Unlawful Camping**

**(Place Holder,
will be posted 05-27-2020)**