



**MINUTES**  
**KEIZER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**Monday, April 22, 2019**  
**Keizer Civic Center, Council Chambers**  
**Keizer, Oregon**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken as follows:

**Present:**

Cathy Clark, Mayor  
Kim Freeman, Councilor  
Marlene Parsons, Councilor  
Laura Reid, Councilor  
Roland Herrera, Councilor  
Elizabeth Smith, Councilor  
Dan Kohler, Councilor

**Staff:**

Chris Eppley, City Manager  
Shannon Johnson, City Recorder  
Tracy Davis, City Recorder

**Also Present:**

Janet Carlson, Former Marion County  
Commissioner  
Jan Culver, Council of Governments  
Jimmy Johnson, Mid-Willamette  
Community Action Agency

**DISCUSSION**

**a. Mid-Willamette  
Homeless  
Initiative**

Mayor Clark provided a brief history and update on the Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative noting that during the process the need for a Continuum of Care was identified.

Janet Carlson provided additional information about the Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative and then she and Jimmy Jones shared a slide presentation covering the Continuum of Care purpose, funding, structure, history, policy questions and next steps and fielded questions from Councilors regarding goals, the ramifications of pulling out of the Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (ROCC), and current efforts.

Jimmy Johnson shared detailed information about the homeless problem, government involvement, partnering with other organizations to remove redundancy, spending resources wisely and effectively, setting priorities, and the (ROCC).

Ms. Carlson explained the impetus for withdrawing from the ROCC and forming a regional Continuum of Care consisting of Marion, Polk and possibly Yamhill counties noting that this would condense the area served and allow for more effective action in alleviating homelessness in the area served. Mr. Johnson explained the competitive nature of the ROCC and how that effects funding received.

Discussion followed regarding the need, targeting the appropriate homeless population, chronic homelessness, money spent on education

and fighting crime, the cost to citizens of not housing the homeless, establishment of policies that protect the homeless, and the dissolution of families.

**ADJOURNMENT** Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

MAYOR:

APPROVED:

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Cathy Clark

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Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Councilor #1 – Laura Reid

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Councilor #4 – Roland Herrera

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Councilor #2 – Kim Freeman

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Councilor #5 – Elizabeth Smith

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Councilor #3 – Marlene Parsons

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Councilor #6 – Daniel R. Kohler

Minutes approved: 05-06-19