



**Human Services Committee
Special Meeting
February 21, 2025 - 11:00 AM
1 East Main Street
Annex Conference Rm 1
2nd Floor**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Erica Tomas called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Auburn City Annex, Conference Room 1, located at East Main Street, Auburn, WA

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Chair, Erica Tomas; Committee Members, Carmen Goers, Sue Miller, David Wright, Heather Weiss and Amber Lott.
Suzanne Pak was excused.

The following staff members present included: Human Services Director, Kent Hay; Staff members, Jody Davison, Drew Connely and Christina Alexander.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- A. No Public Comments Recieved

No one came forward to speak.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

- A. Opening remarks by Kent Hay
Overview of the retreat's purpose and goals

REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Approval of the January 2025 Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Carmen Goers moved and Committee Member Heather Weiss seconded to Approve the Minutes from the February 21st, 2025 Special Meeting of the Human Services Committee.

- B. Discussion and Voting on 2025 Committee Chair

Committee Member Susan Miller moved and Committee Member Heather Weiss seconded to approve the nomination of Carmen Goers as the 2025 Committee Chair.
Motion Carried.

Committee Member Sue Miller moved and Committee Member Heather Weiss seconded to approve the nomination of David Wright as the 2025 Vice Committee Chair.

Motion Carried.

TEAM ICEBREAKER

Team Icebreaker was conducted by Carmen Goers

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY MAYOR BACKUS

- A. Vision for Human Services 2025 and Beyond
Q&A Session

CITY CLERK PRESENTATION

- A. Topic: Committee Rules and Procedures
Overview of committee structures and roles
Updates on meeting procedures and compliance requirements
Open Discussion

HOUSING CONNECTOR PRESENTATION

- A. Partnership Updates & Opportunities
Housing Access Innovations
Collaborative Strategies for 2025
Q&A

LIVED EXPERIENCE PRESENTATION

- A. Personal stories from community members with lived experience in housing or human services
Insights on challenges and opportunities from their perspective
Open forum for questions and reflections

CLOSING AND NEXT STEPS

- A. Summary of Key Takeaways
Action Items and Upcoming Meetings: The Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting is **March 24th, 2025, at 4:00 pm**
Final Remarks by Kent Hay

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

CARMEN GOERS, CHAIR

KENT HAY, HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR

