

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA REQUEST FORM

FOR: Special City Council Meeting of March 16, 2020

FROM: Council Member Kyle Smith

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION TITLE AND SUBJECT:


A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR THE RELEASE OF PRE-TRIAL NON-VIOLENT DETAINEES FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER TO REDUCE THE RISK OR IMPACT OF A COVID-19 OUTBREAK IN THE JAIL AND TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY.

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:



Council Member Kyle Smith

3/16/2020
Date



Assistant City Attorney Blake Pennington
Approved as to form

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Date

Pennington, Blake

From: Kyle Smith <citycouncil@kyle4fay.org>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 11:42 AM
To: Williams, Kit; Pennington, Blake; Norton, Susan
Cc: stadel46@gmail.com
Subject: Resolution to Support Release of Nonviolent Pretrial Detainees During Public Health Emergency

Yesterday I was contacted by Stan Adelman, the ombudsman for the Washington County Jail. He is urgently seeking support for his effort to release non-violent pre-trial detainees and to thin out the human population confined in tight quarters at the jail before it becomes a COVID-19 hot spot. These are mostly detainees who simply can't afford the bond that was set so they are sitting in the jail waiting weeks or months for their trial date.

I spoke with Susan briefly about it this morning and it sounded like she thought it was worthy of further consideration. I have accelerated the timetable since tomorrow's meeting is now this afternoon and will work with Stan throughout the day for more information. In the meantime, I wanted to make sure to get this in your hands so it can be prepped to walk on for today's meeting if the Mayor approves.

I am also VERY open to policy advice on this. Rewording, additions, changes, etc... Stan helped with the language, and I've had about an hour to hammer on it myself this morning. I know we do not have jurisdiction, so this is merely and advisory request from the City government, I think, however, that it is a logical and necessary leadership position to take in a public health crisis.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_3bpkdtJFIP17ee2GFcSuplkUWcicCZ-c5snvnE4Rxc/edit#



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Also, please review for typos. I've been fighting off 3 energetic kittens who think the keyboard is their playground.

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