

**SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE/AGENDA OF THE
SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022
11:00 A.M. – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

A regular meeting of the Spokane City Council will be held at **11:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 21, 2022**, in City Council Chamber - City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd. The meeting can also be accessed live on CityCable5 and streamed online at <https://my.spokanecity.org/citycable5/live/> and <https://www.facebook.com/spokanecitycouncil> or by calling 408-418-9388 and using access code 2480 676 7327.

The meeting will be conducted in a study session format and will be open to the public both virtually and in person. No legislative action will be taken. No public testimony will be taken, and discussion will be limited to appropriate officials and staff.

Executive Session

At any time during or after the regular Study Session Agenda, the City Council may choose to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing privileged legal matters. This portion of the meeting would be closed to the public pursuant to RCW 42.30.110.

Agenda:

Joint Plan Commission Meeting - (1 hour)

Sheltering Discussion ([see attached resolution](#)) - CoC Board Reps (25 min)

[Rapid Capital Acquisition Program Resolution](#) - CM Kinnear (5 min)

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) INFORMATION: The City of Spokane is committed to providing equal access to its facilities, programs and services for persons with disabilities. The Spokane City Council Chamber in the lower level of Spokane City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., is wheelchair accessible and also is equipped with an infrared assistive listening system for persons with hearing loss. Headsets may be checked out (upon presentation of picture I.D.) at the City Cable 5 Production Booth located on the First Floor of the Municipal Building, directly above the Chase Gallery or through the meeting organizer. Individuals requesting reasonable accommodations or further information may call, write, or email Human Resources at 509.625.6363, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, WA, 99201; or msteinolfson@spokanecity.org. Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may contact Human Resources through the Washington Relay Service at 7-1-1. Please contact us forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting date.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-_____

A Resolution establishing operational and facility requirements for additional low-barrier shelter investments.

WHEREAS, the role of the City Council is to set homeless policy for Spokane, enact laws, and fund budgets; and

WHEREAS, in contrast, the Mayor and her Administration are responsible for implementing those policies, laws, and budgets; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 and into 2022, the City Council was active in responding to the housing and homeless crisis in Spokane by passing numerous resolutions, ordinances and taking other actions including adding millions of additional dollars to the City's budget to increase sheltering availability and other services; and

WHEREAS, Council Members have identified specific needs for future low-barrier shelter space by listening to our constituents, including tenants, landlords, homebuilders, homeless advocates, individuals with lived experience, and fellow policymakers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following criteria be met in any future low-barrier shelter space requests for proposal:

1. Shelter space at a location with no more than 120 regular shelter beds on a daily basis, but that contains allowances for surge capacity for extreme weather events;
2. Flexible space for increasing extreme weather capacity at appropriate locations by utilizing floor mats on a temporary basis;
3. Dedicated space for wrap-around service providers onsite to help individuals transition out of homelessness;
4. Provision for 24/7 security;
5. Opportunity for on-site lockable storage; and
6. Proximity and/or dedicated transportation to training sites (i.e. trade schools, apprenticeship programs, job search resources, community college resources, etc.).

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the City will solicit proposals for both a pallet shelter model of sheltering and a drive-in model of sheltering for non-recreational vehicles in which people are living, both of which won't exceed 100 individuals each, will have a secure, 24/7 monitored fenced perimeter to ensure the safety of guests, and are not adjacent to another homeless facility.

Passed by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2022.

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Assistant City Attorney

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-_____

A Resolution requesting that the City of Spokane take advantage of state funding opportunities related to housing and homelessness.

WHEREAS, last year, the Washington State Legislature provided funding for local municipalities to purchase rapid rehousing facilities; and

WHEREAS, Spokane only submitted one application for this program last year along with authorization to contribute millions of dollars in match and operations, and that application was not funded; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature is once again providing funding for the Rapid Capital Acquisition Program, including operating funds; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature is providing this funding to help fight the ongoing national housing crisis; and

WHEREAS, state legislators recently sent a letter to the Mayor stating that time is of the essence to access Rapid Capital Acquisition Program dollars when funding becomes available through the Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, City Council recently hosted a Study Session with Department of Commerce staff to gather additional details about the revised Rapid Capital Acquisition Program; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the City of Spokane take advantage of these state funded opportunities that will help address homelessness in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Spokane City Council requests that the City of Spokane take action to identify potential properties that may be appropriate for the Rapid Capital Acquisition Program and build on existing partnerships with non-profits and service providers to create strong applications for this funding opportunity.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the City of Spokane supports contributing up to a 30% match or \$3 million, whichever is less, to Rapid Capital Acquisition Program applications for projects within the City of Spokane.

Passed by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2022.

City Clerk

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Assistant City Attorney