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Leadership means more than the imposition of authority. The city could have met publicly with the protesters to discuss any possibilities for improving funding for housing. The mayor claimed that he could not meet publicly due to social distancing concerns - this is simply untrue. There is no reason he could not have hosted a public discussion outside with social distancing measures in place. This lack of initiative and creativity in the face of a housing crisis is sheer negligence.

Dismantling the tents of the peaceful protestors at City Hall immediately. Throwing tents and belongings into the GARBAGE when there are many people without homes struggling to live on the streets is disgraceful and disgusting.

This needs to be discussed at the next available council meeting and must be put on the agenda. It cannot continue to be swept under the rug. I have seen only one council member respond to this issue openly and this is extremely disappointing.