



City of Tacoma

Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

September 11, 2014

4:30 PM

Chair Victoria Woodards, Vice Chair Marty Campbell,
Mayor Marilyn Strickland, Joe Lonergan, Ryan Mello (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Woodards called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Present: 3 - Campbell, Lonergan and Woodards

Absent: 1 - Strickland

Approval of Minutes

1. 14-0835 Approval of the minutes of August 28, 2014

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2014 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Ayes: 3 - Campbell, Lonergan and Woodards

Absent: 1 - Strickland

Briefing Items

2. 14-0831 TPD Co-Responder Program

[Kim Dodds, Neighborhood and Community Services and Captain Taylor, Tacoma Police Department]

At approximately 4:36 p.m., Kim Dodds, Neighborhood and Community Services, provided background information on the TPD Co-Responder Program, including Council policy goals, national directives, City Manager goals, and funding. Ms. Dodds and Captain Charles Taylor, Tacoma Police Department (TPD), reviewed issues associated with incarcerating mentally ill individuals, planning efforts, objectives, recent arrest statistics, specialty

housing data, strategies, and next steps. Discussion ensued throughout regarding funding, jail suicides, the process for mental health professionals providing support to patrol officers out in the field, drop off beds for offenders in lieu of incarceration, and how TPD officers respond to bus conduct issues for Pierce Transit. Chair Woodards requested staff provide an update on this item at the beginning of the year after implementation.

3. 14-0832 911 Education Efforts
[Chief Duggan, Tacoma Fire Department]

At approximately 5:08 p.m., Tory Green, Fire Deputy Chief, provided an update on the FD CARES Program 911 education efforts, including goals and strategies, statistics from the first two phases, and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding expansion of the program. Council Member Campbell requested a map depicting the 220 citizens referred to the program, including the 86 actively managed citizens. Deputy Chief Green stated names and specific locations cannot be shared, however a map of the citizens by fire station will be provided. Chair Woodards requested staff provide dollar figures for cost savings to determine the return on investment at the next update.

4. 14-0833 Excessive False Fire Alarms
[Chief Duggan, Tacoma Fire Department]

At approximately 5:26 p.m., Jim Duggan, Fire Chief, provided opening remarks and noted today's presentation is related to businesses with excessive and repeated false fire alarms. Pat McElligott, Fire Assistant Chief, reviewed excessive false fire alarms, including background information, impacts, and alternatives. He concluded by reviewing recommendations to pilot a six month educational outreach campaign to inform high utilizers of the impact of frequent false alarms followed by potential fine structures for multiple false fire alarms. Discussion ensued regarding the top three facilities with the most false alarms, fire alarm requirements, potential impacts if fines are imposed, fines charged by other jurisdictions, and alternatives. Chair Woodards requested information regarding the average cost to respond to false fire alarms.

5. 14-0834 Bakken Oil Update
[Chief Duggan, Tacoma Fire Department]

At approximately 5:48 p.m., Chief Duggan provided opening remarks and background information. Michael Mitchell, Fire Assistant Chief, provided an update on the transportation of Bakken Oil, including background information, rail transportation routes, and concerns. Faith Mueller, Fire Deputy Chief, provided examples of oil incidents in Virginia and Quebec. Assistant Chief Mitchell concluded by reviewing next steps related to stakeholder relationships, coordination of response strategies, multiagency and regional

emergency response plans, and training exercises. Discussion ensued regarding optimal resources and strategies for dealing with oil incidents, and the strategy for responding to emergency calls if the Fire Department needs to respond to a regional response incident.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

6. 14-0836 September 25, 2014 - Metal Theft Update

Genesis Gavino, City Manager's Office, stated the September 25, 2014 meeting will include an update on metal theft from the Department of Licensing. Discussion ensued regarding upcoming topics.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Victoria Woodards, Chair



Linnea Meredith, City Clerk's Office