



Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

May 8, 2014

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

Council Committee Members Present: Campbell, Lonergan, Mello, Woodards, and Mayor Strickland.

Council Committee Members Absent: None.

Approval of April 24, 2014 Minutes

Mayor Strickland moved to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Campbell. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

2014-2018 Tacoma Fire Department Strategic Plan

At approximately 4:35 p.m., Chief Jim Duggan, Tacoma Fire Department (TFD), introduced Assistant Fire Chief Pat McElligot and Tarin Todd, Citizens for a Healthy Bay. He then provided background information regarding the 2014-2018 TFD Strategic Plan, including an overview of the process, organizational challenges and the mission, vision, and values. Discussion ensued regarding how often the plan is updated, and how organizational challenges impact the management of the department.

Chief Duggan continued reviewing the plan, including goals, strategies, and 2014 work plan objectives. Discussion ensued regarding employee feedback surveys, TFD's accreditation status, alternate means of transport for non-emergency 911 callers, efforts to hire a diverse workforce, and the 2014 recruit class and process. Chief Duggan concluded by reviewing implementation initiatives. Discussion ensued regarding how TFD prepares for challenges created by activity at the Port of Tacoma, including the need to have a dialogue with the Port regarding responsibilities. Council Member Campbell requested information regarding the unique needs of the TFD due to the City's unique challenges, including landscape and geography. Chair Woodards requested Chief Duggan incorporate the Equity and Empowerment Initiative into the 2014 work plan when it is updated in October.

Potential Changes to the Harbor Code Regarding Derelict Recreational Vehicles

At approximately 5:11 p.m., Assistant Chief McElligot provided background information regarding Tacoma Municipal Code Title 4 and the Derelict Vessel Program, noting there is no legislation that allows TFD to issue fines for derelict vessels. Mr. Todd provided background information regarding derelict vessels and the development of programs in other jurisdictions, including the Puget Sound Partnership Prevention Program. Discussion ensued regarding the definition of derelict, and whether materials from derelict vessels can be salvaged or repurposed. Council Member Campbell requested TFD utilize the Small Works Roster or the Small Business Enterprise Office, formally known as the Historically Underutilized Business Office, when contracting with businesses to decommission or salvage derelict vessels.

Assistant Chief McElligot continued reviewing the Derelict Vessel Program, including the structure, progress, and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding the number of derelict vessels in the City, and boaters' perception of the City. Council Member Lonergan requested additional information regarding feedback or survey results from boaters regarding their perception of the City.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Genesis Gavino, City Manager's Office, stated topics for the May 22, 2014 meeting include the Safe Streets Three-Year Strategic Plan, a report from the Seattle City Club regarding the 2014 Seattle Civic Health Index, and the Human Rights Commission. She then stated she is working with the Tacoma Public School District to schedule the Student Government Day topic. Chair Woodards requested staff send an invitation to the Tacoma City Club to attend the May 22, 2014 meeting to hear the report from the Seattle City Club.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

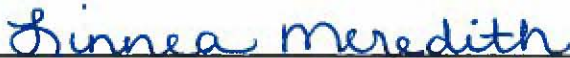
None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.



Victoria Woodards, Chair



Linnea Meredith, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office