



# Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee Minutes

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

December 12, 2013

Vice Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

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

Council Committee Members Absent: Woodards.

## **Approval of October 24, 2013 Minutes**

Mayor Strickland moved to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were declared approved.

## **Tacoma Police Department CALEA Accreditation**

At approximately 4:35 p.m., Chief Don Ramsdell, Tacoma Police Department (TPD), provided opening remarks and stated the TPD recently received reaccreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), which is valid for the next three years. Assistant Chief Pete Cribbin reviewed accreditation standards, background information, the reaccreditation process, and challenges. He then played a short video relating to the reaccreditation. Discussion ensued regarding the benefits of receiving CALEA accreditation, whether there is a benchmark for diversity of workforce, and whether TPD has the highest standards in the state.

## **Humane Society Contract Extension**

At approximately 4:51 p.m., Captain Shawn Gustason, TPD, reviewed the Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society contract, including background information, the proposed agreement, changes, and funding. Discussion ensued regarding the impact of staffing levels on the contract, contract projections and rates, and Animal Control Officer ratios.

Council Member Lonergan moved to forward this item to the full Council for consideration. Seconded by Mayor Strickland. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

## **Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan**

At approximately 4:57 p.m., Deputy Chief Tory Green, Tacoma Fire Department, provided an update on the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), including the purpose and elements of all CEMPs; the City's CEMP, including primary sections, emergency support functions, roles, and emergency proclamations; key changes; outreach; and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding how to ensure accurate information is communicated to the

public, the use of alert systems, whether the terrain of an area affects the CEMP, route inspection priority, and outreach efforts.

Council Member Lonergan moved to forward this item to the full Council for consideration. Seconded by Mayor Strickland. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

**Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

Tansy Hayward, Assistant City Manager, stated the December 26, 2013 meeting is cancelled and the January 9, 2014 meeting topics will include work planning and approval of the 2013 Annual Report for this Committee, and interviews for various committees, boards, and commissions. Discussion ensued regarding the timeline to appoint individuals to the Human Services Commission. Ms. Hayward stated at the January 14, 2013 Council meeting there will be a walk-on resolution to appoint individuals recommended for appointment to the Human Services Commission.

**Other Items of Interest**

There were no other items of interest.

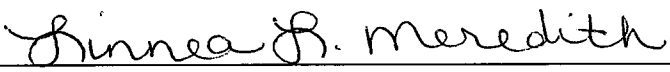
**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

  
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Marty Campbell, Vice Chair

  
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Linnea Meredith, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office