



City of Tacoma

Community Vitality and Safety

Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248
Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 859 6160 4917
Webinar Link: www.zoom.us/j/85961604917 Passcode: 614650
May 11, 2023
4:30 PM

Call To Order

Vice Chair Blocker called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Blocker, Rumbaugh and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Daniels

Chair Ushka participated virtually.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Approval of Minutes

1. [23-0491](#) Approval of the minutes of the January 26, 2023, meeting.
2. [23-0492](#) Approval of the minutes of the February 9, 2023, meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, and February 9, 2023, meetings.

SECONDED BY: Chair Ushka.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared approved.

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Rumbaugh and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Daniels

Briefing Items

3. [23-0489](#) Human Services Commission Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:34 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee that they would be interviewing four applicants for the Human Services Commission, that Naomi Wilson is seeking reappointment, that seven positions are available, and no applications were received for the Youth Member position.

The Committee interviewed Naomi Wilson, Kimberly Ellefson, and Liz Ryan. Patricia Borgand did not participate.

Discussion ensued regarding applicants' qualifications, noting residency; and the suggestion to solicit additional applications.

MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to recommend the reappointment of Naomi Wilson to the Human Services Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective June 1, 2023, to expire May 31, 2026.

SECONDED BY: Chair Ushka.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Rumbaugh and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Daniels

MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to recommend the appointment of Kimberly Ellefson to the Human Services Commission, to fill an unexpired term to expire May 31, 2025.

SECONDED BY: Chair Ushka

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Rumbaugh and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Daniels

4. [23-0490](#) Community Safety Plan Update
[Jacques Colon, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of Strategy]

At approximately 5:02 p.m., Jacques Colon, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of Strategy, presented an update on the City's Community Safety Plan (CSP), including an agenda; purpose, noting what makes people feel safe and the need for a more coordinated approach; and scope, noting venues where the City gathered feedback from the community. He further detailed the CSP scope, including social, economic, and environmental conditions; prevention efforts with priority populations; alternative responses; improving and transforming public safety departments; and off-ramps, noting diversion, restorative justice, and reintegration. He continued by reviewing next steps and a timeline; the CSP community engagement process; examples of implementation models, noting the City's Affordable Housing Action Strategy for internal groups and the Newark Public Safety Collaborative for external coordination; and questions related to plan development, noting data and research, engagement and coordination, and outcomes and implementation.

Discussion ensued regarding the approach, scope, and complexity of the CSP; next steps, noting possible actions and goals; the action strategy framework; highlighting the disproportionate impacts on people of color; data sources; outreach and the purpose of engagement; and a request for information to be provided in other formats and languages.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. [23-0493](#) May 25, 2023 - Minimum Building and Structures Code Review;
Rental Housing Code Update
June 8, 2023 - Anti-Displacement Strategy Update;
Chronic Nuisance Law Update

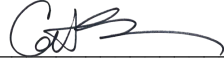
D'Angelo Baker, Committee Liaison, stated the May 25, 2023, meeting will include a review of the Minimum Building and Structures Code and an update on the Rental Housing Code; and the June 8, 2023, meeting will include updates on the anti-displacement strategy and chronic nuisance laws.

Other Items of Interest

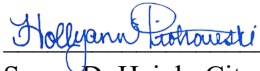
There were no other items of interest.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.



Catherine Ushka, Chair



For

Susan D. Haigh, City Clerk's Office