



City of Tacoma Community Vitality and Safety Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

June 13, 2019

4:30 PM

Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Catherine Ushka,
Chris Beale, Robert Thoms, Lillian Hunter (alternate)

Call To Order

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

Present: 3 - Hunter, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 2 - Beale and Blocker

Approval of Minutes

1. [19-0601](#) Approval of the minutes of the May 9, 2019 meeting
2. [19-0602](#) Approval of the minutes of the May 23, 2019 meeting

MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2019 and May 23, 2019 meetings.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

Ayes: 3 - Hunter, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 2 - Beale and Blocker

Briefing Items

3. [19-0603](#) Continuous Improvement Advocates Project: Reducing Emergency Medicine Treatment Errors
[Sionna Stallings-Alailima, Fire Lieutenant, Tacoma Fire Department]

At approximately 4:33 p.m., Diana Surma, Continuous Improvement (CI)

Analyst, Human Resources, made opening remarks and introduced Sionna Stallings-Alailima, Fire Lieutenant, Tacoma Fire Department. Ms. Stallings-Alailima presented the CI Advocates Project: Reducing Emergency Medicine Treatment Errors, including the Ci4i framework tools, noting steps of initiate, investigate, improve, and implement. She further reviewed each of the tools in detail, including initiate, noting the project charter problem, scope, and targeted outcomes; and investigate, noting interviews and discussions conducted, current state map, a diagram classifying how errors can occur, how notification of errors are currently received, and why more mistakes are not being reported. Ms. Stallings-Alailima concluded by further reviewing the framework tools, including improve, noting short-term and long-term recommendations; and implement, noting challenges and next steps, including requirements needed for success of the program and the creation of a full time Quality Assurance and Improvement (QA/QI) position.

Discussion ensued regarding the diagram of how errors can occur, implementation challenges and next steps, and the overall QA aspect of being a paramedic.

4. [19-0604](#) Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 1.95 Rental Housing Code amendment [Erica Azcueta, Homelessness and Household Stability Program Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services; ChiQuata Elder, Landlord-Tenant/Crime Free Housing Coordinator, Office of Equity and Human Rights]

At approximately 4:56 p.m., ChiQuata Elder, Landlord-Tenant/Crime Free Housing Coordinator, Office of Equity and Human Rights, presented the recommended amendment to Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Chapter 1.95 Rental Housing Code, relating to the notice to increase rent requirements. She stated the request to amend TMC Chapter 1.95 is for the City's code to mirror the new Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1440 that was recently passed by the Washington State Legislature. Ms. Elder concluded by providing and explaining the proposed amendments to the code, including adding a 30 day notice to increase requirements for subsidized tenancies and deleting the general exception to the 60 day notice requirement for a "fixed lease agreement [that] includes agreed upon rent increases during the term of the tenancy or agreement".

Discussion ensued regarding inclusion of the language "Revised Code of Washington" in the proposed amendments to the code, why the Washington State Legislature changed the language to include an exception for subsidized tenancies, whether ESHB 1440 is a new state law, reasoning for Rental Housing Code amendments implemented prior to the State changes, requirements included in Ordinance No. 28559, and community notification of the amendments.

5. [19-0605](#) South Sound 911 restructure
[Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office]

At approximately 5:07 p.m., Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office, provided an update on the proposed restructuring of South Sound 911 (SS 911), including a background, overview, description of what SS 911 is, the need for a new governance model, the governance review process, reasons to select the Public Development Authority (PDA) model, and key points about the PDA model. He continued by reviewing the current SS 911 governance structure, an overview of the governance recommendations, PDA Board of Directors seat distribution, and the PDA Board of Directors composition in 2019 based on 2019 SS 911 communications assessments. Mr. Victor concluded by describing additional proposed terms for the Board of Directors, proposed supermajority vote items, supermajority voting, next steps to implement the proposal, and updates for the radio system and the new SS 911 facility.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding joint PDAs, composition of the PDA Board of Directors based on the 2019 SS 911 communications assessments, the new SS 911 facility updates, proposed supermajority vote items, the governance recommendations, if the City will have a chance to review any changes Pierce County makes, why the radio system update is operationally necessary, presenting the radio system update to the full City Council as a separate presentation from the SS 911 restructure, and inclusion of the projected cost versus the actual cost of the new SS 911 facility in the presentation.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

6. [19-0606](#) June 27, 2019 - Neighborhood and Community Services equity, diversity, and inclusion initiative; and Northwest Detention Center

July 11, 2019 - Mental health and substance abuse, Neighborhood and Community Services community mobilization contracts, and closed captioning resolution and education campaign

Vice Chair Ushka stated the meeting on June 27, 2019 will include a presentation on the Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) equity, diversity, and inclusion initiative. William Suarez, Committee Liaison, informed the Committee the Northwest Detention Center topic has been rescheduled to the July 25, 2019 meeting. Vice Chair Ushka further stated the meeting on July 11, 2019 will include presentations on mental health and substance abuse, NCS community mobilization contracts, and closed

captioning resolution and education campaign.

Council Member Thoms stated he would like an update on Tacoma Police Department (TPD) hiring, and inquired about a staffing study being conducted that included questions, such as how many patrols are going out and the level of coverage.

Council Member Thoms further stated Deputy Mayor McCarthy has spoken about how to increase prosecutorial bandwidth as it relates to misdemeanors and early diversion for certain types of misdemeanors. Council Member Thoms stated he feels the Community Vitality and Safety Committee may be a good place to discuss this topic.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding which committee is more appropriate for Council Member Thoms' topics of interest, public engagement, and confirming with the City Manager if a study is taking place on TPD staffing models.

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 adjourned at 5:58 p.m.


Keith Blocker, Chair


Jessica Jenkins, City Clerk's Office