



City of Tacoma

Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

November 13, 2014

9:30 AM

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

SPECIAL MEETING

Call To Order

Chair Woodards called the special meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Present: 3 - Campbell, Lonergan and Woodards

Absent: 1 - Strickland

Briefing Items

1. 14-1102 2015-2016 Human Services Funding Recommendation
[Pamela Duncan, Neighborhood and Community Services]

Dr. Allen Ratcliffe, Chair of the Human Services Commission (HSC), and Pamela Duncan, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS), provided an overview of the 2015-2019 Human Services Strategic Plan, Competitive Funding Policy, and the funding process for community services, and mental health substance use disorder (MHSUD). Dr. Ratcliffe then reviewed the Human Services Commission members and community volunteers, and the timeline for the funding and application review process. Ms. Duncan reviewed the 2015-2016 community services funding recommendations, including service categories, the General Fund biennial budget, and funding priorities. Christopher Wright, NCS, reviewed the rating criteria from previous years. Ms. Duncan concluded by reviewing the 2015-2016 enhanced MHSUD funding recommendations, including the rating criteria, competitive funding targets, policy exceptions relative to chronic homelessness funding, and next steps and recommendations. Discussion ensued throughout regarding zero-based funding, the rating criteria, reduce chronic homelessness funding, the program application process, the allocation process, policy exceptions, staff recommendations on funding allocation for the reduced chronic homeless funding, and the scoring procedures.

Council Member Lonergan requested additional information on the funding allocation process, and scoring procedures. Chair Woodards requested a breakdown of the funding recommendations, and the funding difference from 2013-2014 to 2015-2016. Council Member Campbell requested a breakdown of the scoring process.

Public comment was heard from:

1. Wanda Rochelle, Safe Streets
2. Denny Hunthausen, Catholic Community Services
3. Dana Boales, Tacoma Community House
4. Alisa Solberg, Point Defiance AIDS Project
5. Troy Christensen, Metropolitan Development Council
6. Allen Ratcliffe, Ph.D., HSC

Ms. Duncan stated all who applied for funding are welcome to speak with staff regarding the scoring process and funding allocation. Council Member Lonergan requested staff expedite a Request for Proposal (RFP) on chronic homelessness funding. Discussion ensued regarding program sustainability in relation to rating criteria, the application process and response guidelines, grant writing, technical assistance, and capacity building funding.

MOTION: Council Member Lonergan moved to pull out unfunded chronic homelessness funding projects from the human services funding recommendations to be able to find candidates by RFP.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

**T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, provided timeline comments.
Chair Woodards requested staff review funding issues.**

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

Ayes: 3 - Campbell, Lonergan and Woodards

Absent: 1 - Strickland

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. 14-1104 November 27, 2014 - CANCELLED

Chair Woodards stated the meeting of November 27, 2014 has been cancelled. She stated there will be a special meeting before the end of the year to further review human services funding recommendations.

Public Comment

Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the special meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.



Victoria Woodards, Chair



Nicole Emery, City Clerk's Office