



# 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  
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**May 09, 2024**  
**4:30 PM**

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Chair Catherine Ushka, Vice Chair Sarah Rumbaugh, Jamika Scott,  
Kristina Walker, John Hines (alternate)

#### Call To Order

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

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Scott

**Absent:** 2 - Ushka and Walker

#### Public Comment

Public comment was heard from:

1. Sally Perkins, regarding mental health crisis training.

#### Approval of Minutes

1. [24-0515](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, November 9, 2023.
2. [24-0516](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, December 14, 2023.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to approve the minutes of the November 9, and December 14, 2023, meetings.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Scott.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Scott

**Absent:** 2 - Ushka and Walker

## Briefing Items

3. [24-0507](#) Neighborhood and Community Services Systems and Strategy Division Issue Statement [Caleb Carbone, Homelessness Strategy, Systems, and Service Manager; Erin Watlington and Hayley Saucedo, Senior Community Resources Analysts, Neighborhood and Community Services]

At approximately 4:38 p.m., Caleb Carbone, Homelessness Strategy, Systems, and Service Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS), presented the Systems and Strategy Funding Issue Statement, including a staff introduction and agenda; priority areas, noting NCS definitions for wellness, homelessness, safety, and dignity; continued funding; and department priorities, noting sheltering will not compete for the 2024-2025 funding process and highlighting youth violence reduction and prevention by taking comprehensive approach in Tacoma. Hayley Saucedo, Senior Community Resources Analyst, NCS, provided background on NCS priorities related to healthcare; health, equitable food access, and aging and disability; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the timeline; sheltering funds; competing funds; providers for sheltering systems; domestic violence programming for family care; funding for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color; inclement weather funding; and appreciation for staff.

4. [24-0508](#) Human Services Commission Interviews [Nicole Emery, City Clerk]

At approximately 5:05 p.m., Susan Haigh, Deputy City Clerk, informed the Committee they would be interviewing eight applicants for the Human Services Commission, and reviewing the applications of three Commissioners seeking reappointment; nine positions are available on the Commission, including the youth member position which will remain vacant, as no applications were received at this time. She further stated that staff has also requested a resolution to realign the terms with the end of the competitive funding process to change the term end date from May 31st to September 30th.

The Committee interviewed Kristen Marsh, Michele Worthy, Jesus "Jesse" Carlos, Edward Hill, Sarah Roemer, and Collin Thrower.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to recommend the extension of the Human Services Commission member position term currently held by Laura Badeaux to expire September 30, 2024, and to reappoint Laura Badeaux to serve a three-year term, to expire September 30, 2027.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Scott.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Scott

**Absent:** 2 - Ushka and Walker

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to recommend the extension of the Human Services Commission member position term currently held by Noemi Cagatin-Porter to expire September 30, 2024, and to reappoint Noemi Cagatin-Porter to serve a three-year term, to expire September 30, 2027.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Scott.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Scott

**Absent:** 2 - Ushka and Walker

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to recommend the extension of the Human Services Commission member position term currently held by Andrea “Andee” Walton to expire September 30, 2024, and to reappoint Andrea Walton to serve a three-year term, to expire September 30, 2027.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Scott.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Scott

**Absent:** 2 - Ushka and Walker

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to recommend the Human Services Commission member position currently held by Kristi Coyne be extended from May 31, 2025, to September 30, 2025.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Scott.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Scott

**Absent:** 2 - Ushka and Walker

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to recommend the Human Services Commission member position currently held by Kimberly Ellefson be extended from May 31, 2025, to September 30, 2025.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Scott.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Scott

**Absent:** 2 - Ushka and Walker

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to recommend the Human Services Commission member position currently held by Connie Ladenburg be extended from May 31, 2025, to September 30, 2025.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Scott.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Scott

**Absent:** 2 - Ushka and Walker

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to recommend the Human Services Commission member position currently held by Carlos Lugo-Gonzalez be extended from May 31, 2025, to September 30, 2025.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Scott.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Scott

**Absent:** 2 - Ushka and Walker

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to recommend the Human Services Commission member position currently held by Nikki Singh be extended from May 31, 2025, to September 30, 2025.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Scott.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Scott

**Absent:** 2 - Ushka and Walker

The Committee interviewed Lasandra President.

Discussion ensued regarding the applicants' qualifications.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to recommend the Human Services Commission member position currently held by Naomi Wilson be extended from May 31, 2026, to September 30, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Scott.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Scott

**Absent:** 2 - Ushka and Walker

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to recommend the extension of the vacant Human Services Commission member position term to expire September 30, 2026, and recommend the appointment of Sarah Roemer to fill the unexpired term.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Scott.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Scott

**Absent:** 2 - Ushka and Walker

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to recommend the extension of the vacant Human Services Commission member position term to expire September 30, 2026, and recommend the appointment of Jesus “Jesse” Carlos to fill the unexpired term.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Scott.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Scott

**Absent:** 2 - Ushka and Walker

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to recommend the extension of the vacant Human Services Commission member position term to expire September 30, 2026, and recommend the appointment of Collin Thrower to fill the unexpired term.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Scott.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Scott

**Absent:** 2 - Ushka and Walker

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to recommend the extension of the vacant Human Services Commission member position term to expire September 30, 2026, and recommend the appointment of Kristen Marsh to fill the unexpired term.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Scott.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Scott

**Absent:** 2 - Ushka and Walker

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to recommend the extension of the Human Services Commission member position term to expire September 30, 2027, and recommend the appointment of Lasandra President to serve the three-year term, effective June 1, 2024.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Scott.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Scott

**Absent:** 2 - Ushka and Walker

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5.     [24-0509](#)     May 23, 2024 - Tacoma Municipal Code 8.30 - Code Compliance Code Review  
                           June 13, 2024 - Neighborhood Council Standards, Guidelines, and Tacoma Municipal Code 1.45 - Community Feedback Review; Youth and Young Adult Violence Reduction Update; Opioid Settlement Update  
                           June 27, 2024 - Anti-Displacement Strategy Update; Rental Housing Code Research Update

D'Angelo Baker, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on May 23, 2024, and will include the Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 8.30 Code Compliance code review; the June 13, 2024, meeting will include the Neighborhood Council standards, guidelines, and Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 1.45 community feedback review, youth and young adult violence reduction, and opioid settlement; and the June 27, 2024, meeting will include the anti-displacement strategy and the rental housing code research update.

## **Other Items of Interest**

There were no other items of interest.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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Catherine Ushka, Chair

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Hollyann Piotrowski, City Clerk's Office