



City of Tacoma Community Vitality and Safety Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

November 29, 2017

4:30 PM

Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Marty Campbell,
Joe Lonergan, Lauren Walker Lee, Ryan Mello (alternate)

Special Meeting

Call To Order

Chair Blocker called the special meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

Present: 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

Briefing Items

1. [17-1239](#) Creation of a Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (Follow-up Discussion from 11/9/17)
[Council Member Campbell]

Council Member Campbell thanked his colleagues, staff, and community for efforts in establishing a Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs and attending the special meeting, and expressed his satisfaction for the anticipated resolution meeting the end of the year deadline. He then invited Vanna Sing, Tacoma Healing Awareness Community, and Star Murray, Tacoma Migrant Justice, to share their thoughts on the creation of a Commission on Immigrant Refugee Affairs.

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Rebecca Stith, Human Rights Commissioner.
2. Veronica Hinojosa, Latinx Unidos of the South Sound.

Discussion ensued regarding the equity and empowerment framework.

3. Jason Scales, Client Services Director of the Tacoma Community House and member of the Immigrant and Refugee Task Force.

4. Amanda Diaz, Student Body President of the University of Puget Sound and member of the Immigrant and Refugee Task Force.

Discussion ensued regarding the draft resolution language, including consulting and meeting with other Committees, Boards, and Commissions (CBCs) staff support, not duplicating work that other CBCs are working on, the City of Seattle ordinance, the meaning of the annual workplan, the need for consistency of language when compared to other CBC resolutions, the City Charter and Immigrant and Refugee Task Force resolution, diversity, composition, term limit, age, residency requirement, and public meetings. Discussion continued regarding the concern for the language regarding at least two-thirds of the members should be immigrants or refugees, whether to include first or second generation language, including the beginning and ending term, staggering terms, numbering each position, and extending the term duration to three years from two years, and the timeline for a revised draft resolution.

MOTION: Council Member Walker Lee moved to revise the draft resolution to include the changes discussed at this meeting and present a new draft resolution at the study session of December 5, 2017 for further discussion, to then be presented at the December 12, 2017 City Council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [17-1241](#) December 14, 2017 - Citizen Police Advisory Committee Interviews
December 28, 2017 - TBD

This item was not discussed.

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the special meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.



Keith Blocker, Chair



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