



Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

July 10, 2014

Chair Woodards called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Campbell, Woodards, and Mayor Strickland.

Council Committee Members Absent: Lonergan.

Approval of June 26, 2014 Minutes

Council Member Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Mayor Strickland. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

YMCA Community Schools Initiative

At approximately 4:36 p.m., Ronn McMahon and Darcy Celetti, YMCA of Pierce County, provided background information and reviewed the YMCA Community School Initiatives, including current issues, student demographics, goals for Tacoma Public Schools, academic outcomes, and the Community Schools model. Fahren Johnson, First Creek Middle School Eagle Center, reviewed how the Community Schools model is working at the Eagle Center. Discussion ensued regarding potential expansion of the program, the program coordinator, efforts to make the program sustainable, how the program impacts students preparing to enter the 9th grade, the potential conflict between the program and after-school sports activities, and the type of learning offered during the summer. Mayor Strickland requested additional information regarding the annual cost per student using the Community Schools model.

Recommended Updates to the 2015-2019 Human Services Strategic Plan

At approximately 5:05 p.m., Al Ratcliffe, Human Services Commission Chair, provided opening remarks regarding updates to the 2015-2019 Human Services Strategic Plan, noting the Human Services Commission voted unanimously to recommend it to the City Council and staff did excellent work. Pam Duncan, Neighborhood and Community Services, requested this Committee forward the adoption of the Human Services Strategic Plan, revised funding priority language, revised funding policies, revised funding criteria, and revised funding targets to the City Council for consideration and approval. Ms. Duncan then reviewed the timeline for this process, data and community engagement, environmental scan conclusions, and Strategic Plan recommendations and summary. Ms. Duncan concluded by reviewing proposed funding changes, including priority language, policy, criteria, and targets. Discussion ensued regarding public outreach, zero-based funding, in-kind match limitations, the Non-Competitive Funding Policy, stabilization funds, mental health funding targets, and programs to reduce chronic homelessness. Chair Woodards requested information regarding organizations that have received stabilization funding, how previous funding requests compare to the proposed funding targets, and requests for community based care. She then requested staff schedule a joint

meeting with Pierce County Human Services. Chair Woodards suggested staff partner with the University of Washington-Tacoma to help organizations create innovation and build capacity.

Mayor Strickland moved to forward the adoption of the 2015-2019 Human Services Strategic Plan, revised funding priority language, revised funding policies, revised funding criteria, and revised funding targets to the City Council for consideration and approval. Seconded by Council Member Campbell. Mayor Strickland requested staff provide a summary, an example, and some context of the Equity and Empowerment Initiative when this presentation is given to the full Council. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Discussion ensued regarding mental health funds. Chair Woodards requested an update regarding supplanting dollars prior to the mental health update at this Committee in October. She then stated the July 24, 2014 meeting has been cancelled. Council Member Campbell stated the Community Council requested the City align its animal control policies with Pierce County and the topic may be appropriate for this Committee. Discussion ensued regarding which Council Committee, if any, should review the topic. Chair Woodards requested staff review the issue and add it to the schedule if there are impacts to this Committee, noting if there are no impacts then the issue should go straight to the full Council. Discussion ensued regarding the status of the Welcoming Cities Program. Mayor Strickland requested staff provide an update on the strategic initiatives identified by the Council; discussion ensued regarding whether the update would be provided at a Council Committee.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



Victoria Woodards, Chair



Linnea Meredith, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office