



City of Tacoma

Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

February 26, 2015

4:30 PM

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

Call To Order

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

Present: 3 - Campbell, Lonergan and Woodards

Absent: 1 - Strickland

Approval of Minutes

1. 15-0181 Approval of the minutes of January 8, 2015

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 8, 2015.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Ayes: 3 - Campbell, Lonergan and Woodards

Absent: 1 - Strickland

Briefing Items

2. 15-0182 Animal Control - Animal Retail
[Captain Shawn Stringer, Tacoma Police Department]

At approximately 4:37 p.m., Chair Woodards stated that after public testimony was heard at a City Council meeting regarding pet retail in the City, the Committee wanted to have an information briefing on how many operations are in the City, and current regulations. Captain Shawn Stringer, Police, stated currently there is only one commercial pet store in Tacoma, Pets and Pals Supply, and any other stores affiliated with pet sales work directly with the Humane Society.

Captain Stringer defined the term animal as dogs and cats, and then reviewed code language, pet transfers between individuals, and online sales. Discussion ensued regarding defining animals, bans on the sale of pets in other municipalities, the number of pets sold at Pets and Pals Supply, incident calls to the site, and soft bill birds.

Public comment was heard from:

1. Jessica Warner
2. Debbie Goodrich
3. Julie Corwin
4. Jodie Olmos
5. Chelsea Gitzen
6. Kelsey Weyland
7. Ellen Dorfman
8. Karen Longlois
9. Molly Kirby

Discussion continued regarding notification of this meeting, second-hand dealer licenses, reasons for euthanasia, the Humane Society's 2014 no-kill goal, American Kennel Club (AKC) breeding policies, and breeding for profit. Council Member Campbell requested staff review second-hand dealer licenses with the Tax and License Department, and shelter adoption requirements. Council Member Lonergan requested staff review the AKC breeding policies.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. 15-0183 March 12, 2015 - CANCELLED

Chair Woodards stated the meeting of March 12, 2015 has been cancelled, and requested a presentation from Fire regarding incident response times for Fire and Emergency Management Services. Discussion ensued regarding property crimes.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.



Victoria Woodards, Chair



Nicole Emery, City Clerk's Office