



# City of Tacoma

## Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

June 25, 2015

4:30 PM

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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 4:43 p.m.

**Present:** 3 - Campbell, Lonergan and Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Strickland

### Approval of Minutes

1. [15-0646](#) Approval of the minutes of March 26, 2015

**MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 26, 2015.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Campbell, Lonergan and Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Strickland
2. [15-0647](#) Approval of the minutes of April 6, 2015

**MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 6, 2015.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Campbell, Lonergan and Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Strickland

## Briefing Items

3. [15-0648](#) Humane Society Presentation  
[Kathleen Olson, Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society]

At approximately 4:44 p.m., Kathleen Olson, Patty Rusnak, and Monica Wylie, Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society, presented an update on the Community Cats Program, including live-release rates, assistance offered, defining community cats, Community Cat Policy, survey results of how citizens want to resolve cat complaints, utilizing the return to field method to manage community cats, which cats qualify, implementation of programs, ordinances that are community cat friendly, suggested additions to the Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC), and changing the language of current ordinances.

Discussion ensued regarding number of cats returning to the shelter, return to field procedures, operating cost, charges to the City, current ordinance, next steps, county adoption of language, defining feral cat and community cat, and resources for unwanted cats.

Chair Woodards stated that the next topic discussed would be Item 5.

5. [15-0650](#) TMC 8.52.020 - Smoking on Transit Property  
[Keith Echterling, City Attorney's Office]

At approximately 5:15 p.m., Keith Echterling, City Attorney's Office, introduced a proposed amendment to TMC 8.52.020(A)(1), prohibiting the use of electronic smoking devices on Transit Property except in designated areas. He then presented background information, issues, proposed ordinance revisions, examples of signage, and recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding illegal narcotics, fines, illegality on transit property, designated smoking areas, problems, further signage, and enforcement of minors in possession. Mr. Echterling noted that he will follow up with Transit Police on enforcement of minors in possession.

**MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to forward a proposed amendment to TMC 8.52.020 - Smoking on Transit Property to the full Council for consideration.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Campbell, Lonergan and Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Strickland

- 4. [15-0649](#) Amending TMC 1.06.075 related to the Citizen Review Panel  
[Chair Woodards]

At approximately 5:32 p.m., Chair Woodards discussed amending TMC 1.06.075 related to the Citizen Review Panel, noting that proposed amendments include changing the name of the Citizen Review Panel to the Citizen Police Advisory Committee, and changing the language to better specify the duties and responsibilities of the panel. Nadia Chandler Hardy, City Manager's Office, reviewed the proposed amendments, including changing the name, increasing the number of committee members from seven to eleven, consisting of one member from each City Council District, two members from the general community, and four members from traditionally underrepresented communities or groups, and revising the Committee's duties.

Discussion ensued regarding adding defining underrepresented communities, language changes surrounding underrepresented communities, current makeup of the board, additional questions being asked at Committee interviews, intent of language used in relation to the goal of having a diverse board, proposed amendments, and policy change.

**Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

- 6. [15-0651](#) July 9, 2015 - TFD Emergency Response Plan; Burglary Reduction Initiative; Washington State Patrol

This item was not discussed.

**Other Items of Interest**

There were no other items of interest.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

  
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 Victoria Woodards, Chair

  
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 Amanda Punsalan, City Clerk's Office