



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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June 08, 2023
4:30 PM

Call To Order

Vice Chair Blocker called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Blocker, Daniels and Rumbaugh

Absent: 1 - Ushka

Chair Ushka arrived at 4:38 p.m.

Chair Ushka and Council Member Daniels participated virtually.

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MOTION: Vice Chair Blocker moved to conduct the Public Comment portion of the meeting to after the briefing items.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Daniels and Rumbaugh

Absent: 1 - Ushka

Public Comment

Public Comment was held later in the meeting.

Briefing Items

1. [23-0600](#) Anti-Displacement Strategy Update
[Ted Richardson, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator; Jacques Colon, Director, Office of Strategy]

At approximately 4:33 p.m., Ted Richardson, Strategic Initiatives Program Coordinator, Office of Strategy, provided opening remarks and presented an update on the Affordable Housing Action Strategy and Anti-Displacement Strategy, including an agenda, what the Anti-Displacement Strategy is, and guiding principles and metrics.

Chair Ushka arrived here, at 4:38 p.m.

Richardson continued by outlining the four objectives, including create more homes for more people; keep housing affordable and in good repair; help people stay in their homes and communities; and reduce barriers for those who often experience them, noting existing programs that could be expanded, programs currently under development, and new policy options for each objective. He concluded by reviewing the evaluation processes; community outreach; remaining administrative work; a request for feedback on the evaluation process, the metrics selected, community outreach efforts, remaining work to be completed, and the anti-displacement actions; and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the tax freezes on properties to preserve affordability; the timeline; organizations that could be engaged; the guiding principles and metrics, noting how high displacement areas are identified; incentives to support churches in creating low-income housing; the Growth Management Act; inclusionary zoning; existing programs that could be expanded and new policy options in the objectives; how to designate preservation of low-income units and create cost equity; the evaluation processes; cultural displacement; the process to create policies; how the anti-displacement work can be tied into other programs, such as opportunity zones; and if there was any feedback still needing to be answered in order to move on to the next step.

2. [23-0601](#) Chronic Public Nuisance Law Update
[Keith Echterling, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office]

At approximately 5:35 p.m., Keith Echterling, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office, provided opening remarks and introduced Michael Lim, Lieutenant, Corey Darlington, Captain, and Jeffrey Katz, Lieutenant, Tacoma Police Department (TPD). Together, they presented proposed updates to Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Chapter 8.30A, entitled Chronic Public Nuisance, including an overview, noting proposals to add certain crimes to the nuisance activity definition and to add a deadline for entry of the required correction agreement following declaration of property as a chronic nuisance, requesting the Community Vitality and Safety (CVS) Committee forward the proposed recommendations to the full City Council, and the previous informational briefing presented on February 9, 2023, CVS Committee meeting previous updates to the Chronic Public Nuisance Code in 2018 and 2020, and staff recommendations. Echterling concluded by outlining the issues, proposed revisions, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding triggers for chronic nuisance segmented by property type, noting enforcement for commercial property; whether the City provides or identifies resources for property owners; adding education and compliance language to the proposed legislation; adding language into the correction agreement about education, outreach, and assistance from the City; examples of what cannot be done now versus what can be done if the Rental Housing Code was connected to the Chronic Public Nuisance Code; and ongoing garbage as a chronic nuisance.

MOTION: Vice Chair Blocker moved to forward the proposed amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 8.30A, relating to Chronic Public Nuisance, to the full City Council for consideration.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Daniels and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [23-0602](#) June 22, 2023 - Welcoming Interactive Report Out; Minimum Building and Structure Code Review; Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society and Animal Control Managed Intake
July 13, 2023 - Amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code 8.17 - False Reports of Crime
July 27, 2023 - To Be Determined

Richardson stated that the next meeting will be on June 22, 2023, and will include a report on the Welcoming Interactive conference, the Minimum Building and Structures Code review, and a presentation on managed intake from The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County and the City's Animal Control division; and the July 13, 2023, meeting will include amendments to TMC Chapter 8.17, relating to False Reports of Crime.

Discussion ensued regarding Council Member attendance at the June 22, 2023, meeting, and intake presentation to the July 13, 2023, meeting.

Other Items of Interest

Chair Ushka stated that she attended the June 5, 2023, special meeting of the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (CIRA) where they discussed the Welcoming Interactive conference; and she was informed that CIRA passed motions related to police response at the Northwest Immigration and Customs Enforcement Processing Center, noting the process for motions, a request for a future CVS Committee presentation on this topic, and possible action by CVS Committee to recommend legislation directing the City Manager to take action. She concluded by stating that she attended the ribbon cutting event for Phase 1 of the 64th Street improvements, sponsored by the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities and the Public Works department, noting that it was well attended and the City has won national awards for its innovation on the project.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



Catherine Ushka, Chair



Hollyann Piotrowski, City Clerk's Office