



# Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee Minutes

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

August 8, 2013

Vice Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

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

Council Committee Members Absent: Woodards.

## **Approval of July 25, 2013 Minutes**

Mayor Strickland moved to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

## **United Way of Pierce County (UWPC) Funding Priorities and Strategic Plan**

At approximately 4:41 p.m. Tammy Brown, UWPC, provided opening remarks and reviewed the UWPC's vision, funding priorities, and strategic direction, including emphasis on prevention through early childhood development, and basic needs and supportive services. Vice Chair Campbell inquired whether the UWPC is partnering with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department's (TPCHD) Family Investment Centers. Ms. Brown then reviewed the UWPC's Community Solutions Fund, community investments, community impact model, criteria needed to be considered a community impact program, and preferred criteria for basic needs and supportive services programs. Discussion ensued regarding undesignated dollars and the process for identifying at-risk students. Mayor Strickland requested information regarding how many families living in Tacoma will be served by programs addressing basic needs and supportive services.

Ms. Brown then reviewed UWPC reporting standards and performance measures relating to early childhood development, early grade excellence, and strengthening families. Vice Chair Campbell inquired whether this presentation was given to Tacoma Public Schools and suggested the UWPC work with TPCHD's Family Investment Centers to strengthen families because they will be facing budget cuts. Mayor Strickland encouraged UWPC to work with the Foundation for Tacoma Students to prevent duplication of services.

## **Tacoma Police Department (TPD) Update on Child Abduction Response Team (CART)**

At approximately 5:02 p.m. Lieutenant Rob Jepson, TPD, introduced Detective Lindsey Wade, TPD. He then provided an overview of today's presentation; and reviewed the CART definition, purpose of today's update, the TPD CART team, and the certification timeline, standards, and assessment. Discussion ensued regarding the live child abduction scenario, including how to prevent leaking the information and make sure the community knows that a real abduction did not take place.

Lt. Jepson continued reviewing the CART assessment and the live exercise, and played a video from the CART team in Brazos Valley, Texas. He then showed the Committee a list of 16 children abducted from Tacoma and stated the parents of Jennifer Bastian, who was abducted in 1986, are present today. Discussion ensued regarding the searchable leads management database and whether there would be any reason to cancel the live abduction scenario. Lt. Jepson stated the CART team was activated recently and described the situation and outcome.

Public comment was heard from Patti Bastian, mother of Jennifer Bastian.

Vice Chair Campbell stated he may want to observe the live exercise.

### **Human Rights Program Update**

At approximately 5:33 p.m. Marya Gingrey, Human Rights Division Manager, provided an update on the Human Rights complaint investigations process, including background information; discrimination trends in employment, housing, and public accommodation; regulatory changes; and program improvements. Assistant City Manager Tansy Hayward stated reimbursement rates from the U.S. Department of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) are lower than those from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Design (HUD), and it is not feasible to hire an employee to cover EEOC investigations based on those rates. Discussion ensued regarding retaliation, whether there is one company or housing complex that receives a majority of the housing discrimination complaints, and HUD and EEOC reimbursement rates.

Ms. Gingrey reviewed recommendations, including the implementation of a special project of limited duration to assist in the enforcement of Chapter 1.29 of the Municipal Code and in the performance of the City's contractual duties pursuant to agreements with EEOC and HUD; a project duration of October 2013 through December 2014; and a revisit of the staffing model prior to the 2015-2016 biennial budget. She then reviewed fiscal impacts, alternatives, and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding whether the program can be adequately reviewed before the next biennium, and the reason for a discrepancy between the fiscal impact listed in today's presentation and the one listed in the memo provide to Council.

Mayor Strickland moved to forward this item to the full Council for consideration. Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mayor Strickland requested staff provide an abbreviated version of this presentation to the Committee of the Whole meeting next week. Ms. Hayward stated she will give Chair Woodards a summary of the information to provide at the meeting.

### **Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

Julie Stoltman, City Manager's Office, stated the August 22, 2013 meeting has been cancelled, and there will be a special meeting on August 29, 2013, with topics regarding the Metropolitan Development Center's Secured Housing Project and Sobering Center, and Catholic Community Services' consolidated services and secure housing. Ms. Stoltman stated this Committee will be conducting interviews to fill vacancies on the Citizen Review Panel and she is working on the schedule with Chair Woodards and City Clerk Doris Sorum. She then stated topics for the next regular meeting on September 12, 2013, include the SPARX Program, an update on the McCarver Project, South Sound 9-1-1 emergency radio replacement, and a potential request from the Human Services Stabilization Fund.

**Other Items of Interest**

There were no other items of interest.

**Public Comment**

Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

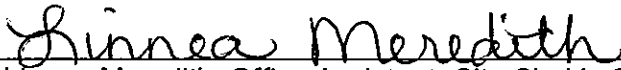
**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



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Marty Campbell, Vice Chair



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Linnea Meredith, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office