



City of Tacoma

Community Vitality and Safety

Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

February 09, 2017

4:30 PM

Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Marty Campbell,
Joe Lonergan, Ryan Mello (alternate)

Call To Order

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

Present: 3 - Blocker, Campbell and Lonergan

Approval of Minutes

1. [17-0146](#) Approval of the minutes of January 12, 2017.
2. [17-0147](#) Approval of the minutes of January 26, 2017.

MOTION: Council Member Lonergan moved to approve the minutes of the January 12 and 26, 2017 meetings.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Campbell and Lonergan

Briefing Items

3. [17-0148](#) Proposed Human Rights Commission Code Amendments
[Andreta Armstrong, Human Rights Manager, Office of Equity and Human Rights]

At approximately 4:37 p.m., Andreta Armstrong, Office of Equity and Human Rights (OEHR), provided brief opening remarks and introduced Malik Gbenro, OEHR. Mr. Gbenro discussed proposed amendments to Chapter 1.29 of the Municipal Code, and to the administrative rules governing the Human Rights

Commission, stating that the amendments would update code language to make clear that OEHR provides staffing support for human rights complaints filed with the Human Rights Commission, and would allow the City Attorney's Office more flexibility in commencing civil action where a respondent in a fair housing complaint elects for civil action in lieu of an adjudication by the Hearing Examiner. He stated that the proposed amendments to the administrative rules would similarly update language relative to staffing support, and will remove the requirement that human rights complaints be notarized prior to processing.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the complaint process, the addition of a broader definition of sexual orientation and gender identity, roles and responsibilities of the Human Rights Commission, number of complaints received annually, turnover on the Human Rights Commission, statements to the public from the Commission, vacancies and needs of the Commission, and the Commission's role in implementing an immigrant task force.

MOTION: Council Member Lonergan moved to recommend the proposed amendments to the full City Council with any changes deemed appropriate based on conversations being had with external partners.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Campbell and Lonergan

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [17-0149](#) February 23, 2017- Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Interviews

David Nash-Mendez, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be held on February 23, 2017, and will include interviews for the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, a presentation on the South Tacoma Policing Plan, and the Citizen Police Advisory Committee's year-end report.

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to adopt the 2016 Community Vitality and Safety Committee annual report, as amended.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Campbell and Lonergan

Other Items of Interest

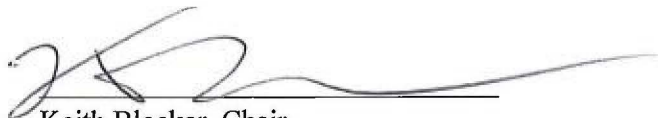
There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment


There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.



Keith Blocker, Chair



Amanda Punsalan, City Clerk's Office