



City of Tacoma Community Vitality and Safety Committee Minutes

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July 22, 2021

4:30 PM

Chair Catherine Ushka, Vice Chair Keith Blocker,
Chris Beale, John Hines, Lillian Hunter (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Ushka called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [21-0716](#) American Rescue Plan Spending Buckets
[Reid Bennion, Lead Analyst, Office of Management and Budget]

At approximately 4:34 p.m., Reid Bennion, Lead Budget Analyst, Office of Management and Budget, gave a presentation on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) spending buckets, including an overview, purpose, 2021 ARPA distributions, a community safety funding summary, a health funding summary, an example of next steps, and a timeline.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding issues with the process, projects not receiving funding, body worn and dash camera funding sources, funds available to nonprofits, the total number of requests from nonprofits, farmers market funding, desired Committee feedback, differences between the domestic violence system web based resource and legal advocacy, impacts of changing proposed funding, leftover funds, and whether there are other projects not listed in the presentation.

2. [21-0717](#) Body Worn and Dash Cameras
[Matt Janzow, Continuous Improvement Analyst, Human Resources]

At approximately 5:07 p.m., Matt Janzow, Continuous Improvement Analyst, Human Resources, and Mr. Bennion and presented on body worn and dash cameras, including Tacoma ARPA spending objectives, 2021 ARPA proposed distributions, community informed action, body worn and dash camera expansion, camera footage examples, an implementation timeline, and a community safety funding summary.

Discussion ensued regarding current implementation of body worn cameras, and a request for a cost breakdown analysis for both camera types.

3. [21-0721](#) Eviction Moratorium
[ChiQuata Elder, Lead Program Development Specialist, Office of Equity and Human Rights; Jacques Colon, 2025 Strategic Manager, Media and Communications Office; Steven Sawada, Senior Continuous Improvement Analyst, Human Resources]

At approximately 5:18 p.m., ChiQuata Elder, Lead Program Development Specialist, Office of Equity and Human Rights; Jacques Colon, Tacoma 2025 Strategic Manager, Media and Communications Office; and Steven Sawada, Senior Continuous Improvement Analyst, Human Resources, presented on the eviction moratorium, including background information, rental assistance and outreach, proposed changes to Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Chapter 1.95, eviction risk data and rental housing mapping, cursory research on local eviction moratoria, fiscal impacts, and recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding outreach, using the National League of Cities' Eviction Prevention Lab data, just cause eviction policy implementation concerns, and the timeline for TMC changes.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [21-0718](#) August 12, 2021 - Interviews for the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, Mid-year Neighborhood and Community Services Report to Include Code Compliance Update
August 26, 2021 - Language Access, Community's Police Advisory Committee Update

Ted Richardson, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on August 12, 2021, and will include interviews for the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities and a mid-year Neighborhood and Community

Services Report to include code compliance; and the August 26, 2021, meeting will include a language access presentation and an update on the Community's Police Advisory Committee.

Linda Stuart, Executive Liaison, stated a continued discussion on just cause evictions would need to be added to the August 12, 2021, agenda.

Other Items of Interest

Chair Ushka stated the Human Rights Commission wants to work on improving communication with the Community Vitality and Safety Committee and the full City Council.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.



Catherine Ushka, Chair



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