



City of Tacoma Community Vitality and Safety Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

November 08, 2018

4:30 PM

Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Catherine Ushka,
Chris Beale, Robert Thoms, Lillian Hunter (alternate)

Call To Order

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

Present: 3 - Hunter, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 2 - Beale and Blocker

Approval of Minutes

1. [18-1303](#) Approval of the minutes of the September 13, 2018 meeting
2. [18-1308](#) Approval of the minutes of the September 27, 2018 meeting
3. [18-1309](#) Approval of the minutes of the October 11, 2018 meeting

MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, September 27, and October 11, 2018 meetings.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 3 - Hunter, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 2 - Beale and Blocker

Briefing Items

4. [18-1310](#) Citizen Police Advisory Committee Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:33 p.m., the Committee interviewed Louis Cooper, Kiara Daniels, Stephen Hagberg, and Fredrick Powell.

Discussion ensued regarding candidates' qualifications, Committee vacancies, and applicants not in attendance.

MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to recommend the reappointment of Louis Cooper to the "At-Large No. 5" position of the Citizen Police Advisory Committee to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2019, to expire December 31, 2021.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

Ayes: 3 - Hunter, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 2 - Beale and Blocker

Discussion ensued regarding rescheduling interviews for the applicants not in attendance, the timeline of appointing applicants to the Committee, and term end dates.

5. [18-1311](#) Gender Neutral Labeling of Single-Occupancy Restrooms
[Andreta Armstrong, Manager, Office of Equity and Human Rights; Jen Haggard, Commissioner, Human Rights Commission]

At approximately 5:18 p.m., Andreta Armstrong, Manager, Office of Equity and Human Rights, made opening remarks and introduced Jen Haggard, Commissioner, Human Rights Commission. Ms. Haggard presented on gender neutral labeling of single-occupancy restrooms, including why Pride at Work decided to focus on this topic, background, and requested for an ordinance to amend the Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 1.29 relating to the Human Rights Commission, to add a new section. She further provided an ordinance that put a similar code in place in the City of Bainbridge Island, draft language for an ordinance, letters of support, and statements from community members.

Discussion ensued regarding the labeling of single-occupancy restrooms,

locations that currently have gender neutral bathrooms, if locations can voluntarily have gender neutral bathrooms and still meet Code requirements, current Code requirements, the need to review current ordinances to identify inadvertent hardships caused by technicalities, if the request is only for newly established businesses, and additional language to consider for the ordinance.

MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to recommend the gender-neutral labeling of single-occupancy restrooms to the full City Council for consideration.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 3 - Hunter, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 2 - Beale and Blocker

Discussion ensued regarding moving this item forward with the notation it is in collaboration with Pride at Work and the Human Rights Commission, the timeframe of bringing the item to the full City Council for consideration, and bringing the item to a City Council study session.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

6. [18-1312](#) November 22, 2018 - Cancelled
December 13, 2018 - Proposed Contract with the Humane Society

Vice Chair Ushka stated the meeting on November 22, 2018 has been cancelled and the meeting on December 13, 2018 will include a proposed contract with the Humane Society.

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 5:40 p.m.



Keith Blocker, Chair



Jessica Jenkins, City Clerk's Office