



# 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  
Webinar Link: [www.zoom.us/j/85961604917](http://www.zoom.us/j/85961604917) Passcode: 614650

**July 27, 2023**

**4:30 PM**

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Chair Catherine Ushka, Vice Chair Keith Blocker, Kiara Daniels,  
Sarah Rumbaugh, John Hines (alternate)

#### Call To Order

Council Member Rumbaugh called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Daniels, Rumbaugh and Hines

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

Council Member Daniels and Council Member Hines participated virtually.

#### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### Briefing Items

1. [23-0766](#) Minimum Building and Structures Code Compliance Update  
[DeJa Irving, Code Inspector Supervisor, Neighborhood and Community Services]

At approximately 4:38 p.m., DeJa Irving, Code Compliance Supervisor, Neighborhood and Community Services, presented on the Minimum Building and Structures code compliance update, including an overview; substandard buildings; derelict buildings; unfit or dangerous buildings; building case types open and closed 2022; building cases on the top 10 list; and compliance options.

Discussion ensued regarding how equity education is provided, resources, assistance, connections to other departments, realistic compliance timeline and an expectation for all violations. Voluntary compliance for owners obtaining permits to do repairs, demolitions, sales, and building new structures; and a plan to meet with another jurisdiction to learn how to present a code

permission for the structures.

2. [23-0767](#) Opioid Settlement Update  
[Jacques Colon, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of Strategy]

At approximately 5:01 p.m., Jacques Colon, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of Strategy, presented on the opioid settlement strategy, including an agenda; opioid settlement background; opioid abatement council; spending options for jurisdictions; settlement funding options, noting treatment facilities with long term beds, methadone and suboxone treatment clinics, Pierce County drug court through drug programs; and settlement funding options, noting regional and local approaches, categories, investments, and costs.

Discussion ensued regarding the investment of narcan needs along with resources to support staff and resources to assist inpatient and outpatient needs; local approach for external funding, consulting with external outreach programs to see how funds can be utilized; the homeless population and drug dependent individuals being assisted through the court system; guidelines with limited funds, a suggestion to research matching dollars with the state and county to see if there are further funds available.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [23-0768](#) August 10, 2023 - Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Sales Tax - Mental Health Assessment; Amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 8.17 - False Reports of Crime  
August 24, 2023 - Interviews for the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities; Health Metrics and Achieving Equity; Managed Intake Overview for the Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society and Animal Control  
September 14, 2023- Rental Housing Data Project

D'Angelo Baker, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on August 10, 2023, and will include the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder sales tax assessment and a proposal to amend the Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 8.17; the August 24, 2023, meeting, will include interviews for the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, and managed intake overview for the Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society and animal control; the September 14, 2023, meeting will include the Rental Housing Data project and a presentation on health metrics and achieving equity.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

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Catherine Ushka, Chair

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Hollyann Piotrowski, City Clerk's Office