



# City of Tacoma Community Vitality and Safety Committee Minutes

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**May 12, 2022**

**4:30 PM**

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

## Call To Order

Chair Ushka called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Blocker, Rumbaugh and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Daniels

All Council Members participated virtually.

## Briefing Items

1. [22-0550](#) Human Services Commission Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:34 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they would be interviewing seven applicants for the Human Services Commission; two applicants invited to interview withdrew; and that seven positions are available, including six member positions and one youth position, but there are only six positions to consider, as no applicants qualified for the youth position

The Committee interviewed Connie Ladenburg, Carlos Lugo-Gonzalez, Balynda Warden, Doris Tinsley, and Kristi Coyne.

Patricia Seay and Nikki Singh did not attend the interviews.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of applicants and the number of available positions, timeline, and the possibility of interviewing more applicants.

**MOTION: Vice Chair Blocker moved to recommend the appointment of Connie Ladenburg to the Human Services Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire May 31, 2023.**

**ACTION: The motion failed due to the lack of a Second.**

**MOTION: Vice Chair Blocker moved to recommend the appointment of Connie Ladenburg to the Human Services Commission to serve a three-year term, effective June 1, 2022, to expire May 31, 2025**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Rumbaugh and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Daniels

**MOTION: Vice Chair Blocker moved to recommend the appointment of Doris Tinsley to the Human Services Commission to serve a three-year term, effective June 1, 2022, to expire May 31, 2025.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Rumbaugh and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Daniels

**MOTION: Vice Chair Blocker moved to recommend the appointment of Carlos Lugo-Gonzalez to the Human Services Commission to serve a three-year term, effective June 1, 2022, to expire May 31, 2025.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Rumbaugh and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Daniels

**MOTION: Vice Chair Blocker moved to recommend the appointment of Balynda Warden to the Human Services Commission to serve a three-year term, effective June 1, 2022, to expire May 31, 2025.**

**ACTION: The motion failed due to the lack of a Second.**

**MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to recommend the appointment of Balynda Warden to the Human Services Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire May 31, 2023.**

**SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Rumbaugh and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Daniels

**MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to recommend the appointment of Kristi Coyne to the Human Services Commission to serve a three-year term, effective June 1, 2022, to expire May 31, 2025.**

**SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Rumbaugh and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Daniels

Discussion ensued regarding recruitment for the remaining available positions, and if press releases are shared with neighborhood councils and business districts.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [22-0551](#) May 26, 2022 - Firearm and Ammunition Tax: Report on Evidence-based Principles and Practices for Youth Gun Violence Prevention  
June 9, 2022 - Pierce County Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness  
June 23, 2022 - Feasibility Study for Restoring Library Services to the Eastside and Hilltop Neighborhoods Final Report

Ted Richardson, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be held on May 26, 2022, and will include a presentation on the Firearm and Ammunition Tax report; the June 9, 2022, meeting will include a presentation on the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness; and the June 23, 2022, meeting will include an update on the final report for the feasibility study for restoring Tacoma Public Library services to the Eastside and Hilltop neighborhoods.

Discussion ensued regarding the Youth and Young Adult Violence Reduction group and bringing an update to the Committee.

## Other Items of Interest

Council Member Rumbaugh stated she attended a Community's Police Advisory Committee meeting where the Tacoma Police Department introduced new executive team members.

## Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.



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Catherine Ushka, Chair



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Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office