



City of Tacoma

Community Vitality and Safety

Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers
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March 09, 2023

4:30 PM

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 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Blocker, Rumbaugh and Ushka

Absent: 2 - Daniels and Hines

Council Member Hines, alternate, arrived at 4:32 p.m.

Council Member Hines participated virtually.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Briefing Items

1. [23-0231](#) Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:32 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they would be interviewing six applicants for the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board (TCRA), one of which is seeking reappointment; and that there are five positions available, including one Contractor Representative, two At-Large positions, and two Attorney Representatives; but there are only four positions to consider, as there is only one applicant that qualified for the Attorney Representative position. She further stated that the incumbent seeking reappointment would not be interviewed as he would like to be considered based upon his TCRA experience and written documentation.

Council Member Hines arrived here, at 4:32 p.m.

The Committee interviewed Azaria Azene, Amanda DeShazo, Jessica Roberts, Libby Williams, and Barb Commare; and reviewed Daniel Montopoli's written documentation.

Discussion ensued regarding clarification on the districts that applicants live in; the applicant seeking reappointment, noting term limits and the request for a special extension of the term; the applicants' qualifications; and demographics of TCRA.

MOTION: Chair Ushka moved to recommend the reappointment of Daniel Montopoli to the "Attorney Rep." designation on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board to serve a two-year term, to expire February 28, 2025.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Blocker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Ushka and Hines

Absent: 2 - Daniels and Rumbaugh

MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to recommend the appointment of Azaria Azene to the "At-Large" designation on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board to serve a two-year term, to expire February 28, 2025.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Blocker.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Hines

Absent: 1 - Daniels

MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to recommend the appointment of Amanda DeShazo to the "At-Large" designation on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board to serve a two-year term, to expire February 28, 2025.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Blocker.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Hines

Absent: 1 - Daniels

MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to recommend the appointment of Barb Commare to the "Contractor Rep." designation on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board to serve a two-year term, to expire February 28, 2025

SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Blocker.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Hines

Absent: 1 - Daniels

2. [23-0230](#)

2023 Annual Action Plan

[Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager, Community and Economic Development; Jason McKenzie, Resource Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services]

At approximately 5:33 p.m., Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager, Community and Economic Development, presented the 2023 Annual Action Plan, including an overview; 2023 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) allocations, noting housing, economic development, and public services; Emergency Solutions Grant allocations, noting external contracts; HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) allocations; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the potential federal government budget cuts to housing and what that means for Tacoma, the 2024 budget, the housing programs that are funded from the HOME allocations, TCRA's role in allocating funding, and clarification on the consortium with the cities of Tacoma and Lakewood.

MOTION: Council Member Rumbaugh moved to forward the proposed 2023 Annual Action Plan to the full City Council for consideration.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Blocker.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Hines

Absent: 1 - Daniels

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

- 3. [23-0232](#) March 23, 2023 - Cancelled
- April 13, 2023 - Human Rights Commission Interviews; Opioid Settlement Update
- April 27, 2023 - Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Interviews

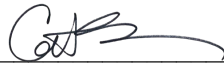
Joe Franco, Committee Liaison, stated that the March 23, 2023, meeting has been cancelled; the April 13, 2023, meeting will include interviews for the Human Rights Commission, and a presentation on the Opioid Settlement; and the April 27, 2023, meeting will include interviews for the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.



 Catherine Ushka, Chair

 For

 Jessica Mazique, City Clerk's Office