

City of Tacoma Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402
Conference Room 248
August 27, 2015
4:30 PM

Chair Victoria Woodards, Vice Chair Marty Campbell, Mayor Marilyn Strickland, Joe Lonergan, Ryan Mello (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Woodards called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

Present: 3 - Campbell, Lonergan and Woodards

Absent: 1 - Strickland

Approval of Minutes

1. <u>15-0889</u> Approval of the minutes of June 25, 2015

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2015 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 3 - Campbell, Lonergan and Woodards

Absent: 1 - Strickland

Briefing Items

2. 15-0872 TMC 8.66 - AirSoft Ordinance [Keith Echterling, City Attorney's Office]

At approximately 4:37 p.m., Keith Echterling, City Attorney's Office, provided an overview of the proposed amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) 8.66.120 and TMC 8.66.130 regarding the use of air guns.

Mr. Echterling then presented background information, issues, scope of exception, proposed ordinance revisions, and recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding title of TMC 8.66.120, exceptions, language used in TMC 8.66.140, support for revising TMC 8.66, and firearm safety.

MOTION: Council Member Lonergan moved to forward the proposed amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code 8.66 - AirSoft Ordinance to the full City Council for consideration.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 3 - Campbell, Lonergan and Woodards

Absent: 1 - Strickland

3. <u>15-0890</u> Tacoma Municipal Court Specialized Services [Judge Verhey, Tacoma Municipal Court]

At approximately 4:52 p.m., Judge Elizabeth Verhey, Presiding Judge, Tacoma Municipal Court, gave an overview of specialized services offered by the Tacoma Municipal Court, including alternatives to incarceration, payment options for fines, payments and fees, and a new project being implemented in regards to mental health.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding work crews, eligibility, home monitoring, the new mental health calendar, process, cross training, continuity of service, diversion programs and other kinds of support we can provide. Chair Woodards requested statistics for eligibility, referral, and success rate of specialized services programs.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. <u>15-0891</u> September 10, 2015 - Capacity Building for Organizations

Genesis Gavino, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be held on September 10, 2015, and will include a presentation from Neighborhood and Community Services, and the Office of Equity and Human Rights on capacity building for organizations.

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 5:35 p.m.

Victoria Woodards, Chair

Amanda Punsalan, City Clerk's Office