



City of Tacoma

Community Vitality and Safety

Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

November 09, 2017

4:30 PM

Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Marty Campbell,
Joe Lonergan, Lauren Walker Lee, Ryan Mello (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Blocker called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

Present: 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

Briefing Items

1. [17-1150](#)

Human Rights Commission Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:37 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, provided information regarding vacancies on the Human Rights Commission. She stated Maria Villalpando Ramos is seeking reappointment and has submitted written responses for the Committee to review, and Andy Youn was not able to attend the interview, however, submitted written responses.

The Committee interviewed Lisa Snyder, Natalie Collins, Gina Fonseca Crescioni, Allen Ratcliffe, Kim Tosch, and Jennifer Vasilez, and reviewed Maria Villalpando Ramos and Areum (Andy) Youn's written responses.

Discussion ensued regarding Jeremy Terhar's absence and to discuss further on the applicants near the end of the meeting.

2. [17-1031](#)

Proposed Creation of a Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs
[Diane Powers, Equity and Human Rights Director, Office of Equity and Human Rights]

At approximately 5:20 p.m., Diane Powers, Director, Office of Equity and Human Rights (OEHR), made opening remarks and introduced Alison Beason, Management Analyst, OEHR. Ms. Beason provided

background information on the timeline, Immigrant and Refugee Task Force priorities, including creating a Deportation Defense Fund, better language access to city resources, and establishing a Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs. She further covered the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, including the benefits, pros and cons, and two alternatives. Ms. Beason provided information on the first alternative, Human Rights Commission, including the reason of its creation, details of the national origin/ancestry, and pros and cons, followed with information on the second alternative, Immigrant and Refugee Task Force, with benefits of keeping it as is, and the pros and cons.

Public comment was heard from:

1. Liz Dunbar, Director, Tacoma Community House, speaking on Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.
2. Star Murray, Tacoma Migrant Justice Group, speaking on Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.
3. Rebecca Stith, Human Rights Commission, speaking on Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

Discussion ensued regarding legality and voting of immigrant residents on the City's Task Force and Commissions; difference of Task Force and Human Rights Commission and their needs; fiscal impact; the Latinx Unidos of the South Sound (LUSS); and possible collaboration between the LUSS and the Human Rights Commission. Discussion continued on recommending an ordinance come before the City Council study session and then the City Council, the draft ordinance, next steps, and bringing forward the draft ordinance on November 29, 2017 at a special Committee meeting with a first reading on December 5, 2017 and a second reading on December 12, 2017.

3. [17-1151](#) Two-Year Funding Priorities for HUD Funds
[Daniel Murillo, Housing Division Manager, Community and Economic Development; Pam Duncan, Human Services Division Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services]

This item will go directly to study session and was not discussed at the Committee meeting.

4. [17-1153](#) Council Consideration Request - Affordable Housing
[Council Member Walker Lee]

At approximately 6:05 p.m., Council Member Walker Lee presented a Council Consideration Request to set aside \$50,000 from the Council Contingency Fund for the creation of a pilot project providing incentives to landlords to include Section 8 renters, creating a fund to assist

tenants, and have the Human Rights Commission consider source of income as a protected class.

Discussion ensued regarding the breakdown of the \$50,000 fund; reports to be provided from the Tacoma Housing Authority; and the sign-in bonus, legal feedback, and requirements. Discussion concluded by reviewing requirements, and an analysis on the consideration of running the pilot project and the Human Rights Commission concurrently.

MOTION: Council Member Walker Lee recommended to move forward the Council Consideration Request 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: 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

17-1150

Human Rights Commission Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to recommend the reappointment of Maria Villalpando Ramos to the Human Rights Commission to serve a three-year term to expire December 31, 2020.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker Lee

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to recommend the appointment of Lisa Snyder to the Human Rights Commission to serve a three-year term to expire December 31, 2020.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker Lee

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to recommend the appointment of Allen Ratcliffe to the Human Rights Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2017, followed by a three-year term to expire December 31, 2020.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker Lee

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to recommend the appointment of Jennifer Vasilez to the Human Rights Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2017, followed by a three-year term to expire December 31, 2020.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker Lee

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to recommend the appointment of Natalie Collins to the Human Rights Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2019.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker Lee

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to recommend the appointment of Gina Fonseca Crescioni to the Human Rights Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire March 3, 2019, followed by an extension to expire December 31, 2019.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker Lee

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

MOTION: Council Member Walker Lee moved to recommend the appointment of Kim Tosch to the Human Rights Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire March 3, 2019, followed by an extension to expire December 31, 2019.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

Discussion ensued regarding personal knowledge of absent applicants and their qualifications.

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to recommend the appointment of Areum (Andy) Youn to the Human Rights Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire April 30, 2019, followed by an extension to expire December 31, 2019.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker Lee

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to recommend the appointment of Jeremy Terhar to the Human Rights Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire May 2, 2019, followed by an extension to expire December 31, 2019.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker Lee

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

5. [17-1154](#)

Residential Infill Pilot Program - Proposed Code Updates

[Lauren Flemister, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 6:27 p.m., Lauren Flemister, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services, presented the Residential Infill Pilot Program, including multi-family and cottage housing units, the reason for the program, what it creates, phases, and dispersion. Ms. Flemister provided potential changes, including increasing the number of detached accessory dwelling units (DADU), modifying standards for small lot development with cottage housing, two phases including proof of concept and approval of proof of concept, and flexibility on requirements in the code. She concluded with information on administrative changes, including refined metrics, increased outreach, and tiny house development expansion.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding previously presented DADU recommendations, outreach, and cultural components.

MOTION: Council Member Walker Lee moved to forward the Residential Infill Pilot Program 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: 4 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan and Walker Lee

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

6. [17-1156](#) November 23, 2017 Cancelled
 December 14, 2017 Citizen Police Advisory Committee Interviews

Chair Blocker stated the November 23, 2017 meeting is cancelled, the December 14, 2017 meeting will include the Citizen Police Advisory Committee interviews, and a special meeting will be held on November 29, 2017 to discuss the creation of a Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affair.

Discussion ensued regarding moving agenda items off the November 29, 2017 Committee meeting.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Keith Blocker, Chair

Sola Wingenbach, City Clerk's Office