



City of Tacoma

Community Vitality and Safety

Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

June 14, 2018

4:30 PM

Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Catherine Ushka,
Chris Beale, Justin Camarata, Lillian Hunter (alternate)

Call To Order

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

Present: 4 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata and Ushka

Approval of Minutes

1. [18-0621](#) Approval of the minutes of the March 22, 2018 meeting

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2018 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Beale.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata and Ushka

Briefing Items

2. [18-0623](#) Human Services Commission Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:37 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, provided information regarding vacancies on the Human Services Commission. She stated the Committee will be interviewing four applicants, three of whom provided written response at the May 10, 2018 meeting, where the Committee requested to speak to these candidates in person. She reminded the Committee that Lauren Angelo and Amanda Scott-Thomas were interviewed

at the May 10, 2018 meeting, and Jovan Dumas is seeking reappointment.

The Committee interviewed Jovan Dumas, Lisa Keating, Cherrielee Matthews, and Nicollette Roe.

Discussion ensued regarding the applicants' qualifications, current Council Districts represented in the Commission, and the residency requirement outside the city limits.

MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to recommend the appointment of Cherrielee Matthews to the Human Services Commission, effective June 1, 2018, to serve a three-year term to expire May 31, 2021.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Camarata.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata and Ushka

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Lauren Angelo to the Human Services Commission, effective June 1, 2018, to serve a three-year term to expire May 31, 2021.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Beale.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata and Ushka

MOTION: Council Member Camarata moved to recommend the appointment of Lisa Keating to the Human Services Commission, effective June 1, 2018, to serve a three-year term to expire May 31, 2021.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Beale.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata and Ushka

MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to recommend the reappointment of Jovan Dumas to the Human Services Commission, effective June 1, 2018, to serve a three-year term to expire May 31, 2021.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata and Ushka

MOTION: Chair Blocker moved to recommend the appointment of Amanda Scott-Thomas to the Human Services Commission to fill an unexpired term, effective June 26, 2018, to expire May 31, 2019, followed by a three-year term to expire May 31, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata and Ushka

3. [18-0622](#)

Fire Station No. 5, Tideflats

[Jim Duggan, Fire Chief, Tacoma Fire Department; Josh Clarke, Assistant Division Manager, Public Works]

At approximately 5:17 p.m. Jim Duggan, Fire Chief, Tacoma Fire Department (TFD), introduced Justin Davis, Facilities Division Manager, Public Works, and provided an overview of Fire Station No. 5, Tideflats, including planned and existing industrial development in the Tideflats; mitigation of the risk of fire-related emergencies; provision of public safety service, noting TFD has implemented interim emergency response operations in the Tideflats; and options to renovate or build a new station have been reviewed. Mr. Davis provided a background on the options of renovating the existing station or building a new station on the existing site, and provided a high-level comparison of the two options. He concluded on issues, recommendations, and addressed questions that are circulating in regards to relocating the fire station.

Discussion ensued regarding relocating the fire station, the anticipated lifespan of a new building, funding, accessible or tradeable property, if there are any other site options besides renovating or replacing the building,

timeline and cost of exploring other options, and proximity requirements.

4. [18-0624](#) Chronic Nuisance Code and Business License Code Updates
[Keith Echterling, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office, and Danielle Larson, Tax and License Division Manager, Finance]

At approximately 5:37 p.m., Danielle Larson, Tax and License Division Manager, Finance, introduced Keith Echterling, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office, and made opening remarks. She then provided an update on the Chronic Nuisance and Business License Codes, including an overview, background, and provided images of nuisance activities. Mr. Echterling reviewed issues with the current section 8.30A of the Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC), relating to Chronic Nuisance, and provided proposed revisions to the code. Ms. Larson further reviewed issues with the current Title 6, relating to Tax and License Code, and provided proposed revisions to TMC 6B.10. Together they presented the recommendations to both TMC 8.30A and 6B.10.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding proposed revisions to TMC 8.30A. Discussion continued on conducting a community outreach before bringing the proposals to the full City Council, issues with the execution of TMC 8.30A notification of unfit building orders and timelines, and if there is a procedure written outside of the code in regards to next steps on non-compliance to TMC 8.30A, relating to notice of violation requirements, and timelines.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. [18-0632](#) June 28, 2018 - Tenants' Rights and Relocation Assistance

Rebecca Boydston, Committee Liaison, stated the meeting on June 28, 2018 will include a briefing on the tenants' rights recommendations and the relocation assistance fund.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Ushka stated she attended a Law and Justice Committee meeting, and the Committee discussed fair share and placement of residents from the Special Commitment Center on McNeil Island throughout the County. She stated the residents are disproportionately placed in Tacoma and there was a conversation about placement of services frequently funded through the Department of Social and Health Services that she would like to develop with the Chair and bring to the Community Vitality and

Safety Committee for discussion.

Discussion ensued regarding the type of services.

Public Comment

Public comment was heard from:

1. Marshall McClintock, Historic Tacoma 701 North J Street, speaking on Fire Station No. 5.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Keith Blocker, Chair

Jessica Jenkins, City Clerk's Office