



City of Tacoma

Community Vitality and Safety

Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

January 10, 2019

4:30 PM

Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Catherine Ushka,
Chris Beale, Robert Thoms, Lillian Hunter (alternate)

Call To Order

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

Present: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Approval of Minutes

1. [19-0004](#) Approval of the Minutes of the December 13, 2018 Meeting

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2018 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Beale.

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

Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Briefing Items

2. [19-0005](#) Citizen Police Advisory Committee Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:37 p.m., Susan Haigh, Records Management Supervisor, City Clerk's Office, provided background information regarding interviews previously held for the Citizen Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) vacancies, noting the number of applicants interviewed, number of vacancies,

and the appointment and reappointment of individuals to the Committee. She stated the Committee is conducting second interviews for the two applicants present today and provided information regarding the remaining CPAC vacancies.

The Committee interviewed Kiara Daniels and Stephen Hagberg.

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Kiara Daniels to the “At-Large No. 2” position of the Citizen Police Advisory Committee to serve a three-year term, retroactive to January 1, 2019, to expire December 31, 2021.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Beale.

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

Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Thoms

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Stephen Hagberg to the “At-Large No. 4” position of the Citizen Police Advisory Committee to serve a three-year term, retroactive to January 1, 2019, to expire December 31, 2021.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Beale.

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

Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Thoms

3. [19-0006](#)

2019/2020 Humane Society Contract

[Shawn Stringer, Captain, Tacoma Police Department]

At approximately 4:50 p.m., Shawn Stringer, Captain, Tacoma Police Department, introduced Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager, Finance, and provided information regarding the 2019/2020 Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society (TPCHS) contract with the City of Tacoma, noting a request to change the Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Title 17; the new service contract and details of the services provided; updated costs and rates; and a comparison of the previous contract to the new contract, including cost of caring for the animals.

Discussion ensued regarding the average number of days that the TPCHS will hold a pet without an owner incurring costs to get the pet back, TPCHS fees, if the TPCHS will work with owners after the three day period has passed, the difference from the initial offer for cost per animal increases versus the agreed upon costs in the service contract, other agencies that fund the TPCHS, and who is charged for animals that are dropped off.

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to forward the 2019/2020 Humane Society contract to the full City Council for consideration.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Beale.

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

Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Thoms

4. [19-0007](#)

Title 17 Code Amendments

[Shawn Stringer, Captain, Tacoma Police Department]

At approximately 5:01 p.m., Mr. Stringer presented proposed TMC Title 17 amendments, including past issues and proposed procedures. Ms. Larson reviewed the proposed amendments, including an update to code language to reflect current practice related to the required hold time for animals, removal of fees that are not charged by the City of Tacoma or the TPCHS, and clean up of language to clarify the process when the City has determined a person to be a problem pet owner.

Discussion ensued regarding current code language and proposed update relating to the required hold time of animals, if the code regulates other nonprofit shelters outside of the TPCHS, revising code language relating to the possession and discretion of the animal shelter after the holding period has passed, budgetary resources of private shelters in the region, and retaining language relating to the humane euthanization of animals.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. [19-0008](#) January 24, 2019 - TBD
February 14, 2019 - Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority and Human Rights Commission Interviews

William Suarez, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on January 24, 2019, and will include the 2018 Community Vitality and Safety Committee year-end report. He further stated the meeting on February 14, 2019 will include Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority and Human Rights Commission interviews.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Beal presented an idea he received from members of Safe Streets groups as a follow up to the chronic nuisance ordinance, including a request to study the issue of vacant property registration. He further stated some Safe Streets groups have had success with directly contacting owners of vacant properties, and the groups requested he review policy options for residents to have better access to vacant property ownership data, to help with reporting to code compliance and contacting owners to ensure properties are taken care of in the neighborhoods.

Council Member Ushka presented an idea to review issues regarding exceptions and laws that affect homeless people. She stated there was a suggestion that the Community Vitality and Safety Committee work with the Community Council of Tacoma and the Cross District Association of Tacoma to help identify locations or sites for temporary shelters, noting collaboration with the Associated Ministries.

Discussion ensued regarding outreach, receiving a briefing on the ordinance relating to faith based and nonprofit siting of temporary shelters, barriers preventing organizations from participating, and if the ordinance differentiates housing for different entities.

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to elect Council Member Blocker as Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety for the year 2019.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Beale.

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

Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Thoms

MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to elect Council Member Ushka as Vice Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety for the year 2019.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

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

Keith Blocker, Chair

Jessica Jenkins, City Clerk's Office