



# City of Tacoma

## Community Vitality and Safety

### Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

**May 23, 2019**

**4:30 PM**

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**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 4:32 p.m.

**Present:** 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

#### **Briefing Items**

1. [19-0538](#) Human Services Commission interviews  
[Susan Haigh, Acting City Clerk]

At approximately 4:33 p.m., Susan Haigh, Acting City Clerk, City Clerk's Office, provided information regarding vacancies on the Human Services Commission (HSC) and stated Rahn Clayton, Jason Grube, and Elizabeth Pebley are seeking reappointment.

The Committee interviewed Elizabeth Pebley, Uhmavateykalyaney Chim, Annabelle Daniel, Magdalena Stickel, Rebecca Stith, Luis Beltran, Holly Willard, Philip Bower, Jason Grube, and Rahn Clayton.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding whether the HSC has a youth position, term limits, applicants' qualifications, and interviewing applicants seeking reappointment.

[19-0538](#)

Human Services Commission interviews  
[Susan Haigh, Acting City Clerk]

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the reappointment of Rahn Clayton to the Human Services Commission, to serve a three-year term to expire May 31, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the reappointment of Jason Grube to the Human Services Commission, to serve a three-year term to expire May 31, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the reappointment of Elizabeth Pebley to the Human Services Commission, to serve a three-year term to expire May 31, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

**19-0538**

Human Services Commission interviews  
[Susan Haigh, Acting City Clerk]

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Uhmavateykalyaney Chim to the Human Services Commission, to serve a three-year term to expire May 31, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Rebecca Stith to the Human Services Commission, to serve a three-year term to expire May 31, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Magdalena Stickel to the Human Services Commission, to fill an unexpired term to expire May 31, 2021.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

**19-0538**

Human Services Commission interviews  
[Susan Haigh, Acting City Clerk]

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Holly Willard to the Human Services Commission, to fill an unexpired term to expire May 31, 2020, followed by a three-year term to expire May 31, 2023.**

Discussion ensued regarding HSC demographics and applicants' qualifications.

Council Member Ushka withdrew her motion.

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Luis Beltran to the Human Services Commission, to fill an unexpired term to expire May 31, 2020, followed by a three-year term to expire May 31, 2023.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

## **Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

2. **19-0539**

June 13, 2019 - Continuous Improvement Advocates Project: Reducing Emergency Medicine Treatment Errors; and closed captioning resolution and education campaign

June 27, 2019 - Beacon Center and young adult shelter; and Neighborhood and Community Services equity, diversity, and inclusion initiative

William Suarez, Committee Liaison, stated the meeting on June 13, 2019 will include presentations on the Continuous Improvement Advocates Project: Reducing Emergency Medicine Treatment Errors; and the closed captioning resolution and education campaign. He further stated the meeting on June 27, 2019 will include presentations on the Beacon Center and young adult shelter; and the Neighborhood and Community Services equity, diversity, and inclusion initiative.

## **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 5:39 p.m.

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Keith Blocker, Chair

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Jessica Jenkins, City Clerk's Office