



# **City of Tacoma**

## **Community Vitality and Safety**

### **Committee Minutes**

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

**February 27, 2020**

**4:30 PM**

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Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Catherine Ushka,  
Chris Beale, John Hines, Lillian Hunter (alternate)

#### **Call To Order**

Council Member Beale called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m.

**Present:** 3 - Beale, Hines and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

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**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to appoint Council Member Beale as the Presiding Officer for the meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Beale, Hines and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to remove Item Nos. 4 and 5 from the agenda to a date to be determined, and to switch Item Nos. 2 and 3.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Beale, Hines and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

## Approval of Minutes

1. [20-0176](#) Approval of the minutes of the February 13, 2020 meeting

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2020 meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Beale, Hines and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

## Briefing Items

3. [20-0179](#) Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:44 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they will be interviewing eight applicants for the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, including Diana Parra, who is seeking reappointment. She further stated there is one alternate and five member positions available on the Commission.

The Committee interviewed Patricia Flores, Diana Parra, Emily Calhoun, Carol Kindt, Rime Oujdi, Rafael Saucedo, and Maria (Sandra) Sych.

Patricia Flores participated telephonically.

Ms. Sorum stated that Miriam McBride was not able to participate.

Discussion ensued regarding available positions, applicants' qualifications, and Commission turnover.

**20-0179**

Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to recommend the reappointment of Diana Parra to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to serve a three-year term, effective April 1, 2020 to expire March 31, 2023.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Beale, Hines and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to recommend the appointment of Emily Calhoun to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to serve a three-year term, effective April 1, 2020 to expire March 31, 2023.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Beale, Hines and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to recommend the appointment of Rime Oujdi to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2020, followed by a three-year term to expire March 31, 2023.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Beale, Hines and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

**20-0179**

Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to recommend the appointment of Rafael Saucedo to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2021, followed by a three-year term to expire March 31, 2024.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Beale, Hines and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to recommend the appointment of Maria (Sandra) Sych to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2021, followed by a three-year term to expire March 31, 2024.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Beale, Hines and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to recommend the appointment of Patrícia Flores to the “Alternate” position on the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, for a term to expire March 31, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Beale, Hines and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

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The Community Vitality and Safety Committee meeting recessed at 5:53 p.m.

The Community Vitality and Safety Committee meeting reconvened at 5:57 p.m.

2.        [20-0177](#)        Citizen Police Advisory Committee Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 5:58 p.m., Latasha Ware informed the Committee that Elizabeth Altamimy and Mary (Jill) Jackson were the only candidates that could fill the "Council District 4" and "Council District 5" positions, respectively, and suggested that the Committee move forward with recommendations for appointment.

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to recommend the appointment of Elizabeth Altamimy to the “Council District 4” position on the Citizen Police Advisory Committee, for a term to expire December 31, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Beale, Hines and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to recommend the appointment of Mary (Jill) Jackson to the “Council District 5” position on the Citizen Police Advisory Committee, for a term to expire December 31, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Beale, Hines and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

The Committee interviewed Joe Izenman, Jennifer Vasilez, Shayna Raphael, and Christopher Marsh.

Discussion ensued regarding applicants' qualifications.

[20-0177](#) Citizen Police Advisory Committee Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to recommend the appointment of Shayna Raphael to the “Council District 2” position on the Citizen Police Advisory Committee, for a term to expire December 31, 2020, followed by a three-year term to expire December 31, 2023.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Beale, Hines and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

**MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to recommend the appointment of Jennifer Vasilez to the “Council District 1” position on the Citizen Police Advisory Committee, for a term to expire December 31, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Beale, Hines and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

4. [20-0180](#) Citizen Police Advisory Committee 2019 Year-End Report  
[Latasha Ware, Management Fellow, City Manager’s Office]

Item No. 4 was removed from the agenda earlier in the meeting.

5. [20-0181](#) Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs 2019 Year-End Report  
[Latasha Ware, Management Fellow, City Manager’s Office]

Item No. 5 was removed from the agenda earlier in the meeting.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

6.     [20-0182](#)     March 12, 2020 - Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, Project Peace, Metropolitan Development Council Convening Update, and Neighborhood Councils Quarterly Update  
March 26, 2020 - Human Rights Commission Interviews

Linda Stewart, Executive Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on March 12, 2020, and suggested that the Metropolitan Development Council Convening update and Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan remain on the schedule and push the other items out to allow time for the two 2019 Year-End Reports to be added to the schedule.

## 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 6:22 p.m.

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Keith Blocker, Chair

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Mary Crabtree, City Clerk's Office