



City of Tacoma

Community Vitality and Safety

Committee Minutes

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September 10, 2020

4:30 PM

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

Call To Order

Vice Chair Ushka called the meeting to order at 4:44 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

All Council Members participated virtually.

Approval of Minutes

1. [20-0575](#) Approval of the minutes of the February 27, 2020, meeting

MOTION: Chair Blocker moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2020, meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

Briefing Items

2. [20-0573](#) Interviews for the Human Rights Commission
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:46 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they will be interviewing nine applicants for the

Human Rights Commission (HRC), and that there are seven positions vacant, all consisting of unexpired terms. She further stated that these interviews were originally scheduled for March 26, 2020, but had to be rescheduled due to COVID-19 and the cancellation of standing committee meetings.

The Committee interviewed Michealea Lemons, Norman Brickhouse, Andre Jimenez, C. Ivan Johnson, Milo Milligan, Alexander Scheel, Verda Washington, Amanda Westbrooke, and Keshreeyaji Oswal.

Discussion ensued regarding which applicants are seeking reappointment, council districts, skills needed to serve on the HRC, and applicants' qualifications.

MOTION: Vice Chair Ushka moved to recommend the reappointment of Michealea Lemons to the Human Rights Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire February 28, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

MOTION: Vice Chair Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Norman Brickhouse to the Human Rights Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire February 28, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

MOTION: Vice Chair Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Andre Jimenez to the Human Rights Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire February 28, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

MOTION: Vice Chair Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of C. Ivan Johnson to the Human Rights Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire February 28, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

MOTION: Vice Chair Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Verda Washington to the Human Rights Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire February 28, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

MOTION: Vice Chair Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Amanda Westbrooke to the Human Rights Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire February 28, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

MOTION: Vice Chair Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Keshreeyaji Oswal to the Human Rights Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire February 28, 2021, followed by a three-year term to expire February 29, 2024.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [20-0574](#) September 24, 2020 - South Sound Housing Affordability Partners and
Community Trauma Response Team Update
October 8, 2020 - To be determined

Bucoda Warren, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on September 24, 2020, and will include presentations on South Sound Housing Affordability Partners and a Community Trauma Response Team. He further stated the October 8, 2020, meeting will include an update from the Domestic Violence Strategic Alliance project.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Ushka expressed her interest in exploring the possibility of having the public disclosure aspect of police body cameras go through South Sound 911.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Keith Blocker, Chair

Mary Crabtree, City Clerk's Office