



City of Tacoma

Community Vitality and Safety

Committee Minutes

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February 25, 2021

4:30 PM

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

Call To Order

Chair Ushka called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Beale, Blocker, Hines and Ushka

All Council Members participated virtually.

Approval of Minutes

1. [21-0197](#) Approval of the minutes of the December 10, 2020, meeting
2. [21-0198](#) Approval of the minutes of the January 28, 2021, meeting

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2020, and January 28, 2021, meetings.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Beale.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Briefing Items

3. [21-0196](#) Interviews for the Human Rights Commission

At approximately 4:33 p.m., Susan Haigh, Records Management Supervisor, informed the Committee they will be interviewing six applicants for the Human Rights Commission (HRC), including Ronita Boultt and Melvin "J.R." Nobles, Jr., who are seeking reappointment. She further stated that David Hayes and Alicia Mathurin were unable to attend tonight's interviews and have provided written responses for the Committee's review; and there are six positions available on the HRC, consisting of four three-year terms and two unexpired terms.

The Committee interviewed Ronita Boultt, Melvin "J.R." Nobles, Jr., Courtney Acoff, Anita Snyder, and Laurie Lynch.

Discussion ensued regarding applicants' qualifications and having the individuals that could not attend return for an interview at a later date.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to recommend the reappointment of Ronita Boultt to the Human Rights Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective March 1, 2021, to expire February 29, 2024.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Blocker, Hines and Ushka

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to recommend the reappointment of Melvin Nobles, Jr. to the Human Rights Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective March 1, 2021, to expire February 29, 2024.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Blocker, Hines and Ushka

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to recommend the appointment of Courtney Acoff to the Human Rights Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective March 1, 2021, to expire February 29, 2024.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Blocker, Hines and Ushka

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to recommend the appointment of Laurie Lynch to the Human Rights Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective March 1, 2021, to expire February 29, 2024.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Blocker, Hines and Ushka

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to recommend the appointment of Anita Snyder 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: 4 - Beale, Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [21-0195](#) March 11, 2021 - Interviews for the Tacoma Community
 Redevelopment Authority
 March 25, 2021 - Tacoma Public Library Annual Report

Chair Ushka stated the next meeting will be on March 11, 2021, and will include interviews for the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board; and the March 25, 2021, meeting will include an annual report from the Tacoma Public Library.

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 5:26 p.m.

Catherine Ushka, Chair

Mary Crabtree, City Clerk's Office