



City of Tacoma

Community Vitality and Safety

Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

February 13, 2020

4:30 PM

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

Call To Order

Chair Blocker called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Present: 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

Approval of Minutes

1. [20-0125](#) Approval of the minutes of the January 23, 2020 meeting

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to approve the minutes of the January 23, 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. [20-0126](#) Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:34 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee that they will be interviewing three applicants for the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board and reviewing one written response from Jason Kors, who is seeking reappointment.

She further stated that there will be four positions available effective March 1, 2020 and that there are no "At-Large" positions open at this time.

The Committee interviewed Steve Snider, Lacey Barker, and Consuella Evans, and reviewed Jason Kors's written response.

Discussion ensued regarding open positions and qualifications.

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the reappointment of Jason Kors to the "CPA Rep." designation on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board to serve a two-year term, effective March 1, 2020, 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: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the reappointment of Steve Snider to the "Lender Rep." designation on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board to serve a two-year term, effective March 1, 2020, 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: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Lacey Barker to the "Realtor Rep." designation on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board to serve a two-year term, effective March 1, 2020, 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

3. [20-0127](#) Firearms and Ammunition Tax
[Tadd Wille, Deputy City Manager]

At approximately 4:59 p.m., Tadd Wille, Deputy City Manager, made opening remarks and presented an overview of the Firearms and Ammunition Tax, including an outline of Ordinance No. 28624, a timeline of events, and the City Manager's initial recommendation deadline. Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS), reviewed the recommended approach, noting youth and young adult violence reduction, partnerships and programming, and development of a 2021-2022 action plan. Claire Goodwin, City Council Assistant, City Manager's Office, outlined the gun buyback program, including pros, cons, and the fiscal impact. Mr. Wille concluded by reviewing the City Manager's recommendation, legislative priorities, state legislation, status of legislation, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the creation of a new Community Advisory Committee, providers and community, youth violence prevention task force meeting date, members of the workgroup, the revenue from the tax and programs that are funded by it, and an analysis of the tax amount.

4. [20-0128](#) Neighborhood and Community Services Strategic Plan 2020-2025
[Allyson Griffith, Assistant Director; Vicky McLaurin, Program Manager; Jason McKenzie, Resource Manager; and Keith Williams, Code Supervisor, Neighborhood and Community Services]

At approximately 5:28 p.m., Allyson Griffith, Assistant Director, NCS, made opening remarks and introduced Jason McKenzie, Resource Manager; Vicky McLaurin, Program Manager; Vicki Walker, Office Manager; and Keith Williams, Code Supervisor, NCS. Ms. Griffith presented an overview of the NCS 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. Ms. McLaurin reviewed project goals, noting three phases, and the methodology of the needs assessment. Mr. McKenzie concluded by outlining the timeline and deliverables.

Discussion ensued regarding staff thoughts about the plan, 60 key informants, the chosen consultant and their experience, and staff recognitions.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. [20-0129](#) February 27, 2020 - Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (CIRA) and Citizen Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) interviews, CIRA Annual Report, and CPAC Annual Report

March 12, 2020 - Project Peace, Metropolitan Development Council Convening update, and Neighborhood Councils quarterly update

Bucoda Warren, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on February 27, 2020, and will include interviews and annual reports for CIRA and CPAC. He further stated the following meeting on March 12, 2020 will include presentations on Project Peace, a Metropolitan Development Council convening update, Neighborhood Councils, and the Emergency Management Plan.

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 5:41 p.m.

 (FOR)
Keith Blocker, Chair


Mary Crabtree, City Clerk's Office