



# City of Tacoma

## Community Vitality and Safety

### Committee Minutes - Draft

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248  
Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 859 6160 4917  
Webinar Link: [www.zoom.us/j/85961604917](http://www.zoom.us/j/85961604917) Passcode: 614650  
**December 12, 2024**  
**4:30 PM**

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Chair Sarah Rumbaugh, Vice Chair Jamika Scott,  
Sandesh Sadalge, Kristina Walker, Olgy Diaz (alternate)

### Call To Order

Chair Rumbaugh called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Rumbaugh, Sadalge and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Scott

Vice Chair Walker participated virtually.

### Public Comment

Public comment was held later in the meeting.

### Briefing Items

2. [24-1338](#) Participatory Budgeting in District 2  
[Mac Acabado and Liesl Santkuyl, Management and Budget Analysts, Office of Management and Budget; Kenny Coble, Community Engagement Coordinator, Media and Communications Office]

At approximately 4:42 p.m., Katie Johnston, Budget Officer, Mac Acabado, and Liesl Santkuyl, Management and Budget Analysts, Office of Management and Budget, presented the participatory budgeting update.

Santkuyl continued to present the overview; District 2 timeline; number of votes, noting votes by collection type, list of locations and events, race/ethnicity, language, and age; proposals being voted on; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding events, where to collect votes from, ballot decisions, district pauses and implementations, engagement in government, and feasibility.

1. [24-1337](#) Neighborhood Council Program Standards and Guidelines, and Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 1.45 Review Recommendations [Sarah Bridgeford, Community Resources Analyst Principal; Keegan Buckley, Community Resources Analyst, Neighborhood and Community Services; Andrea Haug, Chair, Community Council of Tacoma]

At approximately at 5:04 p.m., Sarah Bridgeford, Principal Community Resources Analyst, Neighborhood and Community Services, introduced Andrea Haug, Chair, Community Council of Tacoma. Together, they presented the Neighborhood Council (NC) Program Standards and Guidelines, and Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Chapter 1.45 review recommendations, including staff introduction and overview; timeline; recommendation development; TMC 1.45.020 intent; TMC 1.45.030 standards and guidelines; TMC 1.45.040 NC duties and expectations; TMC 1.45.070 City responsibilities; TMC 1.45.090 review and revisions; standard and guidelines recommendations, noting program overview, bylaw requirements, essential duties, expectations, and program support; funding opportunities; and considerations for a proposed ordinance.

Discussion ensued regarding staff recommendations; committees, boards and commissions; adding overview language updates; and recommendations for a future meeting to allow time to review materials.

**MOTION: Council Member Sadalge moved to forward the recommended changes to the Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 1.45, with the following edit: in Section 1.45.060, to replace the second line to read as “The Community Council should serve as a forum to discuss, share information, and support the needs of individual Neighborhood Councils”, to the full City Council for consideration.**

**SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Walker.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Rumbaugh, Sadalge and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Scott

## Public Comment

Public comment was heard from:

1. Heidi Stephens, speaking on the NC program standards and guidelines and TMC Chapter 1.45 review.
2. April Smith, speaking on the NC program standards and guidelines and TMC Chapter 1.45 review.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [24-1339](#) December 26, 2024 - Cancelled  
January 9, 2025 - To Be Determined  
January 23, 2025 - Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority  
Interviews

D'Angelo Baker, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting is cancelled; the January 9, 2025, meeting agenda items are to be determined; and the January 23, 2025, meeting will include Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board interviews.

## Other Items of Interest

This item was not discussed.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

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Sarah Rumbaugh, Chair

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Hollyann Piotrowski, City Clerk's Office