



City of Tacoma

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, August 9, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Virtual and In-Person Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Vice Chair Marvin Cooks, Secretary Andee Walton, Laura Badeaux, Kristi Coyne, Kimberly Ellefson, Connie Ladenburg, and Carlos Lugo-Gonzalez

Members Absent: Chair Naomi Wilson, Noemi Cagatin-Porter, and Nikki Singh

Staff Present: Vicky McLaurin, Interim Assistant Director (NCS)

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks at 6:07

- Meeting chaired by Vice Chair Cooks.
- Roll call.

2. Approval of the August agenda at 6:08

- Amendment/removal of agenda item addressed in last month's agenda.
- Motioned by Commissioner Ladenburg to approve, seconded by Commissioner Lugo-Gonzalez. Approved unanimously.

3. Review/Approval of July minutes at 6:10

- Commissioner Coyne requests amendment to item 3.
- Motioned by Commissioner Ladenburg to approve minutes and Commissioner Ellefson seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Public Comment at 6:10

- No written public comments received.

5. Tidy Up Tacoma at 6:11

- Presented by Arly Hyatt, Asst Division Mgr, Environmental Svcs.
- Overview of current actions and new actions with additional funds from newly-assed excise tax.
 - i. Full-time litter and cleanup crews, proactive cleanup of litter and debris in public rights-of-way, trails, encampments, bill credit payment assistance, and new community partnerships
 - ii. Working on getting fully staffed and trained.
 - iii. Survey with chance to win \$100 gift card on website, as well as information for community members on how to get involved.
 - iv. Commissioner Ladenburg asks what training the work crews receive.
 1. Answer: Unknown but will find out.
 - v. Commissioner Ladenburg asks if work crews are still sourced from inmates.
 1. Answer: Not the majority, but some work crews still do.
 - vi. Commissioner Ellefson asks what is available for individual families with excess trash.
 1. Answer: City's Call-2-Haul program is available to any resident, twice per year.



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6. Climate Action at 6:18

- Presented by Kristin Lynett, Sustainability Officer.
 - i. Overview of climate change impacts caused by heavy flooding, smoke from wildfires, excessive heat, higher emissions, and excessive waste.
 - ii. The City's climate impact plan includes cutting emissions via all-electric transportation and new buildings, educating the public, and planting 25,000 more trees.
 - iii. Biggest impact items for community members to take action: switch to electric vehicles, reduce meat and dairy intake, borrow, fix, share, and use up our resources, plant trees, and switch households to all-electric.
 - iv. Commissioner Lugo-Gonzalez asks what largest impediments are to reaching the goal of planting 25,000 trees.
 1. Answer: not enough land on public property for planting.
 - v. Secretary Walton asks if it is more harmful to the environment to purchase a new car and discard the old one for sake of switching to an electric vehicle.
 1. Answer: Most of the climate impact comes from driving the vehicle; not its production or disposal.

7. Review and Excuse Absences at 6:53

- Secretary Walton motions to excuse Chair Wilson and Commissioners Singh. Commissioner Ladenburg seconds. All in favor.

8. Good of the Order at 6:55.

- Vicky McLaurin announces the need for a few commissioners to review small grant applications that will assist in expansion of youth shelters. Dates are August 14th to September 12th.
- Vice Chair Cooks, Secretary Walton, and Commissioner Lugo-Gonzalez volunteer.

9. Closing Comments at 7:00

- Vice Chair Cooks adjourns at 7:00.