

From: Ari Lewkowitz <alewkowitz@blr.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 8:39 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: DOTG Board Letter of Support - Active Transportation
Attachments: DOTG Board Support for Active Transportation (ORD 28678).pdf

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Madame Clerk,

Please the attached letter from Downtown On the Go's Board of Directors in support of active transportation. More specifically, this letter comprises the Board's comments regarding Ordinance 28678 on the agenda for final reading at the July 7 City Council meeting.

As a Board we are in full support of these policy changes and appreciate the City Council taking time to consider the matter.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

-Ari Lewkowitz,
DOTG Board President

Ari Lewkowitz, Assoc. AIA

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July 1, 2020

City of Tacoma
Attn: Mayor Woodards and Tacoma City Council Members
747 Market Street
Tacoma, WA 98402

RE: Active Transportation Code Updates

Dear Mayor Woodards and Council Members,

On behalf of the Downtown On the Go's Board of Directors, I am writing to express support for the changes to codes related to active transportation in efforts to support and incentivize walking, biking, and other micromobility options as presented in Ordinance 28678.

The proposed code updates allow scooters to use bike lanes and decriminalize biking on the sidewalk in business corridors where it might be unsafe to bike on the road. We support the code updates and the elimination of the helmet law as it aligns with our goal of advancing the equity of all users of our local and regional transportation system.

Research shows that communities fare better when governments do not impose helmet laws. Coupled with work to reduce speed laws and increase the amount of safe infrastructure for multi-modal transportation, the elimination of the helmet law provides opportunities for all people to move safely around the city on all modes without fear of enforcement while removing a barrier to getting new people to try walking, biking, and micromobility options.

The more people who use options, the safer all users are. A 2003 study, published in the journal *Injury Prevention*, found that "the likelihood that a given person walking or bicycling will be struck by a motorist varies inversely with the amount of walking or bicycling." More people walking means less people are hit by cars.

The elimination of the helmet law should not mean the elimination of education around the importance of helmet safety. Downtown On the Go has sold helmets since 2012 and works with local organizations to increase access to and the use of helmets. We will continue these efforts to reduce barriers to accessing helmets and unequivocally encourage everyone who uses active transportation options to use a helmet, every time.

As the City moves forward on Vision Zero efforts to eliminate collisions that cause serious injuries and deaths, we will encourage and support data-driven strategies like improved street design and lower speeds. While this will certainly include continued efforts to increase helmet use and decrease barriers to helmet access, based on the research, mandatory helmet laws are not in alignment with these goals.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you to support the implementation of transportation options in Tacoma.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ari Lewkowitz".

Ari Lewkowitz
DOTG Board President

From: antsal30@hotmail.com
Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 12:25 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Redesigning Tacoma Police Department

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To City Council of Tacoma,

We have an opportunity to bridge a gap between the people of Tacoma and the police department. It is time to redesign the police department to match the community needs. We can agree people's safety is a top priority. We can also recognize a police job can be hazardous.

Being a police officer can not be done by just anyone. They must have a high level of emotional intelligence and de-escalate agitated individuals without resorting to violence. A police officer should not be afraid or dislike the community they are working around. It is evident with our current administration; some individuals have a level of privilege they wish to preserve. Exerting power over another has a strong pull; inexperienced natures can not resist. This type of power needs to be curtailed.

Start by redesigning the purpose of the police department. Community activists and leaders should be involved in these discussions. Governing is hard. Redesigning the police department will not be easy. Governing is what you signed up for, doing the hard work. I would like to see a committee form to outline the idea police department for the City of Tacoma.

Thank you,

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From: Guion Rosenzweig <guionyork@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 2:23 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Re: Tacoma City Council Public Comment - 06/30/2020 - 21CP Solutions not appropriate as review body for TPD (Police Commentary) EDITED FOR CALCULATIONS

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Hello City Clerk,

If you were able, could you send the following amendment to my comment from this week please. My calculations were done slightly incorrectly, and I'd like council to see these correct numbers.

Appreciate the assistance if you are able.

Kind regards,

Guion

AMMENDMENT TO COMMENT LAST WEEK:

Tacoma vs Seattle Police Cost

Tacoma Population: 217,827

Tacoma Police Budget: \$175,500,000

Per Capita Cost for Police: \$805.69

Seattle Population: 747,300

Seattle Police Budget: \$407,000,000

Per Capita Cost for Police: \$544.63

48% higher cost for Police per capita in Tacoma than Seattle. This is much higher than I'd originally calculated.

(I let my decimals slip using a small handheld calculator last week. Apologies)

On Tue, Jun 30, 2020, 11:29 AM Guion Rosenzweig <guionyork@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Tacoma City Council,

Thank you for your time. I write to you as a long time resident of Tacoma, taxpayer and active voter. All the comments here are my personal opinions as a private citizen. I love this city, and my communication with this council is due to my passion for our city.

Today, I would like to discuss the optics of the decision to engage 21CP Solutions as an "*independent*" review body for the Tacoma Police Department. In a time where transparency and accountability from police and government officials are being called for, optics are very important.

Last week, without any information on the City Council Meeting Agenda, City Manager Elizabeth Pauli announced that 21CP Solutions would be engaged to review TPD.

Why was this not outlined on the Agenda for last week so that Public comment could be made? Was it because of the heavy baggage which 21CP Solutions carries?

Basic research yields a plethora of information on 21CP Solutions showing it to be consistently criticized for its claimed "*independent*" nature and criticized for producing reports of no substantive value in areas which continue to have police issues today. Deeper dives yield very worrisome information on the products 21CP Solutions is peddling to councils just like ours across the nation.

My headline to you today is: Why on earth would such a firm be chosen to review our department? Was any research done on this firm or what they produce? Or was council simply looking for a firm to provide a lip service report that could be passed off to the people as action? Is this the transparency and optics the Tacoma City Council wants to put out?

Where to start with CP21 Solutions Failings. In 2019, they gave the Seattle Police Department a big thumbs up despite federal rulings saying the opposite. We see how that worked out for Seattle in 2020. In 2019, CP21 also reviewed police departments in Minnesota offering up no real change with reports coming out prior to George Floyd's death. We see how that review worked for Minnesota. Moving on to the south, Raleigh, NC, the city council just got their report back and several council members are very upset with what this "review" produced, namely nothing. Is that where Tacoma council wants to be at the end of this review? In 2018, CP21 Solutions reviewed Asheville's police department and came back with what was widely viewed as biased reports that did not investigate all parties.

All citations for these incidents are listed below for further reading. These are only a few of many examples of the failings of CP21 Solutions. Activists and city government officials alike are displeased with the "*independent*" nature of these reviews as well as the templated/non-actionable reports received.

It would seem based on the optics, which as mentioned are oh so important now a days, that there are 2 possible motivations for choosing a firm with such baggage. 1. The City Manager and/or Council did not do due diligence on this firm to see their baggage 2. The City Manager and/or Council specifically sought out a firm specifically that was under scrutiny for their "*independence*" that would give them a report of no substantive value. Either way, this does not inspire confidence in the city manager or this council that any real reform of police will happen. This seems like lip service that can be passed off to constituents as a win when really it is the old case of "look at this expensive bullet item that achieved nothing".

Furthermore, in a time of budgeting issues due to Covid and police budget scrutiny, I wonder where this 250k be taken from? Police Budget or General Fund? Given the bloated budget of the Tacoma Police department (example: Tacoma Police Budget is 27% higher per capita than Seattle)*, it seems the only logical place to take out funds for review would be from the existing police budget.

As always, with respect, I renew my requests that these comments be read publicly. I realize Covid has thrown a wrench in council meetings and 100% support your virtual meetings. However, virtual does not mean public comment should be excluded. Other councils in the region and other councils (school board) in this city allow for public comment at virtual meetings. It comes off as further evidence of obfuscation rather than transparency in a time when optics are very important.

How will history judge the actions of this council in regards to accountability and equality?

Kind regards,
Guion Rosenzweig, North Slope Tacoma

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*Tacoma vs Seattle Police Cost

Tacoma Population: 217,827

Tacoma Police Budget: \$1,750,000

Per Capita Cost for Police: \$8.03

Seattle Population: 747,300

Seattle Police Budget: \$4,700,000

Per Capita Cost for Police: \$6.29

27% higher cost for Police per capita in Tacoma than Seattle.

CP21 Solutions References of previous lack luster service -

SEATTLE 2019

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/analysis-but-no-specific-fixes-yet-in-seattles-report-for-judge-on-police-accountability/>

"Rather than describe how exactly to make Seattle's accountability system better, it reviews the existing apparatus, concludes the system is "generally working well" and identifies some areas for improvement. It also compares Seattle's system to setups in some other cities." December 2019 21CP Solutions Report on SPD

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/seattles-use-of-outside-advisory-panel-condemned-by-police-reform-advocates/>

ASHEVILLE 2018

<https://www.citizen-times.com/story/news/local/2018/08/29/police-report-beating-black-man-leaves-out-minority-relations/1132774002/>

"Video of an officer beating, strangling and shocking an unarmed black pedestrian a year ago spurred outcry over police relations with minority residents.

But a recently released report by police consultants paid by the city to make recommendations after the beating of Johnnie Rush makes no mention of issues of race." \$87,500 in 2018

<https://wlos.com/news/local/city-council-hears-from-policing-consultants-after-pedestrian-beating-case>

Asheville, The consultants reviewed the case of Rush, who was seen on body camera footage being beaten, choked, and tased by former Asheville Police Officer Chris Hickman.

Some recommendations included revising the selection and recruitment process for the field training officer program and routinely assessing early intervention system triggers.

"It seems that there are some stakeholders that are really close to the work and this incident who probably could've given you probably another viewpoint, so to speak, and it could've appeared a little more balanced," Asheville City Council member Sheneika Smith said."

RALEIGH 2019

<https://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/counties/wake-county/article243568237.html>

"The selection drew immediate criticism from City Council member Saige Martin and several community members who spoke during Tuesday's council meeting.

The firm is made up primarily of former police chiefs, Martin noted. Of the seven team partners listed in the firm's Scope of Work to the city manager, only one is not a former police chief or associated with a police association.

"I think calling them 'completely independent' is a bit of a stretch," said Martin.

"I know that our goal is to bring in something that is fair and accurate of an assessment and I think that is what people want," he added.

In a public comment period and on social media, several community members and protest organizers also criticized the choice."

"In 2017, former officer Christopher Hickman beat and choked Johnnie Rush, an unarmed Black man, in Asheville. In its report, the firm found that the personnel file, records, and body-camera footage of Hickman, who later pleaded guilty to assault by strangulation, showed "harmful" and "detrimental" behaviors.

But the report did not address more broadly how police interact with Black communities and the consultants did not speak with minority residents or with Rush, according to The Citizen-Times. The consultants said their contract did not ask for an investigation into relations between the police and Black residents of Asheville.

21CP Solutions was also hired by the state of Minnesota to develop recommendations and action steps aimed at reducing deadly-force encounters with law enforcement.

The group released its recommendations in February 2020, four months before a Minneapolis police officer, Derek Chauvin, was charged with the murder and three others were charged with aiding and abetting murder in Floyd's death."

Raleigh 2020 for Protest Review

BRIDGEPORT, CT June 2020

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=561088344553999&id=137353903594114

From A Bridgeport council Member in Bridgeport Ct where they hired 21CP Solutions for a review report

"Yesterday Mr. Charles Ramsey (21CP Solutions) presented an initial 9 page report on the Bridgeport Police Department to the City Council. The language is general and cookie cutter which could be chalked up to paid consultants not wanting to anger the hand that feeds them or the consultant not really having a thorough grasp of the issue (or a bit of both). Regardless these are some of the major findings and recommendations contained in the document I've linked below:

- There is a high level of distrust between the community and the BPD and therefore the BPD should engage in ongoing conversations with the community (much like the conversation hosted by Bridgeport Generation Now - cited in the report).

- Cites that BPD officers have a practice of sharing their cellphone numbers and business cards with community for direct access. I've heard Chief Perez talk about this for 3 years - has anyone actually seen this happen?

- A number of training recommendations including an after incident review and debrief anytime force is used. I was really surprised that this isn't already happening. Seems a glaring issue and I hope I misunderstood the report.

- Posting the current policies and procedures manual for police - Why doesn't this already happen? Such an easy thing to do. In trying to research what we as a community want changed it's really hard to find information on our police department.

- All uniformed officers should have body cameras and training in how to use them - thought this already happened based on Chief Perez's statements but I guess not.

- Review of the current structure of the department

Again, nothing ground breaking here and nothing near what the public around the world is calling for but understand this is a former police chief providing recommendations to a police department so while Mr. Ramsey seems very open to push for changes, they won't go near what the public is asking for."

MINNESOTA February 2020

<https://www.minnpost.com/state-government/2020/05/a-minnesota-task-force-on-policing-recommended-28-reforms-for-deadly-force-incidents-after-george-floyd-will-its-report-get-a-serious-look/>

"But there was no consensus on some controversial issues, only a recommendation to keep talking about them. For instance, the report asks for a review of state law that authorizes when officers can use deadly force. Interested parties should meet to hash out any changes necessary to ensure there is a focus on the sanctity of life, as well as standards that require that the use-of-force be reasonable, necessary, and proportionate," the report says."

From: Colin .Conway <colinj1193@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 2:33 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Feeling Very Blessed Today

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Hello there,

I sent an email earlier this week, perhaps it got through but maybe you've been really busy. Just wanted to touch base with you.

I wanted to check in if officers Collins, Burbank, Ford and Rankine have been charged with the way that they and the Tacoma Police have handled the case of Manuel Ellis?

Below are a list of demands that I believe are for the betterment of people at risk for Police violence so that we can ensure families don't have to be subject to what the Ellis family has had to go through since Manuel's death.

I am demanding that we allocate this funding to community transformative justice housing mental health services counseling education and healthcare.

I demand for the removal of cops from all schools.

I am also demanding that we free all jailed and detained people in Pierce County. I have come to believe that most are in for non-violent crimes and that through mental health services, counseling education and healthcare we can have more productive members of society with a chance at life.

In demands back to the case of Manuel Ellis, I demand that we arrest and charge TPD officers involved in Manuel Ellis's murder: Officers Matthew Collins, Christopher Burbank, Masiyah Ford and Timothy Rankine. I demand that we investigate how many times the TPD and Pierce County Sheriff's Department broke laws and policies of 1940.

I demand we remove officials complicit in the murder cover up, Pierce County Sheriff Paul Pastor, Tacoma Police Chief Don Ramsdell and Pierce County Sheriff's Information Officer Ed Troyer.

I also have concerns from NWDC and I would therefore call to eliminate the chemical Sani-T-10 to disinfect inside NWDC. We need to continue testing of all detained people and workers for Covid-19 and other illnesses inside and can we stop transferring people to and from the facility? It's a global pandemic we need to free these people and end the deportations! Shut down NWDC

Again, I am looking forward to hearing these changes put into place and thank you for reading through the end.

Please help in doing what's right.

From: Nolan Hibbard-Pelly <nolanhp@uw.edu>

Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 7:35 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Public comment

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Reduce police funding and improve social services especially for lower income areas, that is all.

From: Chris Moore <cdmoore207@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 11:52 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: How are you staying silent on this?

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Hi,

Please arrest and charge the four officers responsible for the brutal murder of Manuel Ellis. Too much time has passed for swift justice.

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Chris Moore

(253) 592-9294

From: Tacoma Protest Daily <tacomaprotestdaily@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 12:04 PM
To: Hines, John; Thoms, Robert; Blocker, Keith; Ushka, Catherine; Beale, Chris; Hunter, Lillian; McCarthy, Conor; Walker, Kristina; Wille, Tadd; City Clerk's Office
Subject: Taking Direct Action

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The family of Manuel Ellis has been toiling tirelessly for 4 straight months to get justice for their loved one. They have led marches of up to 1,000 people. They have marched to City Hall. They have marched to the County Courthouse, and they have marched to Tacoma Police Headquarters. They have still gotten NO justice. All 4 officers, (Burbank, Collins, Ford, and Rankine) are still on paid administrative leave, currently facing no consequences for their actions. We demand that they be fired, charged, arrested, and convicted for the murder of Manuel Ellis who was not committing a single crime at the time of his untimely murder. Another beautiful soul lost to improper training and a precedence set by past generations of police; that you can murder someone and your fellow officers, the police union, and the courts will let you go scot-free.

In Resolution 40621 and Resolution 40622 both passed Tuesday June 30, 2020. The bills state are resolutions stating: (40621) "A resolution establishing a communications protocol for any death that occurs while an individual is in the custody of Tacoma Police or as the result of the use of deadly force by Tacoma Police."

(40622) A resolution affirming the City Council's dedication and commitment to comprehensive and sustained transformation of all of the institutions, systems, policies, practices, and contracts impacted by systemic racism, with initial priority being given to policing in the City of Tacoma.

These resolutions are fantastic and they have brilliant language in the future molding of how systems within Tacoma work. But it has since been 6 days. And we STILL see no action. Words are one thing, actions are another.

Again, we here at Tacoma Protest Daily, a group of 10 current and former Tacoma residents **DEMAND** that all 4 officers involved are fired, charged, arrested, and convicted for the murder of one Manuel Ellis.

We will not sit around and wait any longer. Mr. Ellis was murder 4 whole months ago. This has taken far too long, and if we are to start setting a precedence in the City of Tacoma, a place that we know and love, where our hearts are at, then we MUST take swift action to prove a point that these acts are NOT and will NEVER be okay.

Thanks for your time.

-TPD

From: Grayson Morgan <gbmorgan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 12:45 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Comment Tacoma Pride at tonight's city council meeting
Attachments: Tipton email to Bell Beals commenting on Gavins email stating he had a husband with highlights 28NOV16.pdf; Bell Beals email to Tipton in reply to his gay marriage statement with highlights 28NOV16.pdf; Riggan email to Bell Beals calling Gavin a FREAK after receiving email about his husband with highlights 02DEC16.pdf; Gavin and Eugene 3.jpg

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As we celebrate Tacoma Pride, let us not forget there are businesses in this city that smile at LGBTQ members with one face, take their money, then mock them behind their backs while providing poor service. Secret email comments like "Yikes, did he say husband?" when informed a customer was married to someone of the same sex. Or another business with the simple exclamation of "FREAK!!!"

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Looking over the attached documents, you can see the Windermere agent worked in conjunction with New American Funding officials while making crude references to sexual orientation/marriage behind his back. At the same time they were doing this, Windermere and New American Funding charged fees for services that "helped" my brother unknowingly buy a house so riddled with code violations that it proved too expensive to repair and they lost it in foreclosure. Nobody should be treated like this! Nobody should be allowed to treat people like this in secret!

Recommend the city council take some Pride in Tacoma and strip all such businesses of their licenses until they publicly apologize for their deeds and put in place a probation period to ensure offenders must make a journey of self reflection and improvement.

Sincerely,
Dr. Grayson Morgan
240-595-4003 cell

From: Mike Tipton
Sent: Mon 11/28/2016 8:02 PM (GMT-00:00)
To: Shari Bell-Beals (shari.bb@nafinc.com)
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: RE: Completion Date

Yikes, did he say husband? I kinda suspected that though. Any thoughts on his comments below about replacing contractor? Not sure why one would say there were non-permitted additions and another saying it was. Almost seems like government, you get a different answer, depending who you talk to.

Mike Tipton
(253) 431-1108

From: Joseph Morgan [mailto:gavinschmavin@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 11:18 AM
To: Mike Tipton <mtipton@windermere.com>; Karrie Riggan <karrie.riggan@nafinc.com>; Tommy Orr <tom@pchomeinspector.com>; Brother Grayson Brandon Morgan <gbmorgan@hotmail.com>; Shari Bell <shari.bb@nafinc.com>
Subject: Re: Completion Date

It's coming together, but I am emailing the city today to establish the reason for the delay. An office worker told me the existing structure was properly permitted which contradicts my contractor's explanation. If the explanation is that my house's additions were not properly permitted, I want to find out why this was not communicated to me at the time of sale, so that I could have better prepared to live comfortably and healthy during a winter with no heat. If his explanation contradicts the city, I want him replaced.

My husband and I are very cold in the house. It is dirty and dusty. My cat is not well at the petsitter's. I am tired of eating out which is very expensive. I am paying 150\$ a month for storage. The permits have been ready since 11.2 but only one plumber has worked on my house for a total of two days. I have a 1200\$ mortgage and I am not living healthy or comfortably.

Sincerely,
Gavin Morgan

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 28, 2016, at 07:22, Mike Tipton <mtipton@windermere.com> wrote:

Glad to hear things are beginning to come together for you.

Mike Tipton
(253) 431-1108

----- Original message -----

From: Karrie Riggan <Karrie.Riggan@Nafinc.com>

From: Shari Bell
Sent: Mon 11/28/2016 8:06 PM (GMT-00:00)
To: Mike Tipton; Shari Bell
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: RE: Completion Date

Yeah, not surprised either, but if he is really married and was at the time of loan closing, we should have pulled credit on his spouse and we didn't; FHA requirement for married borrower in community property state. I don't think the draw dept cares but wish he hadn't said that.....I don't know why he's getting such differing info. Contractor replacement is possible and if I don't see Karrie address that, I will pipe in and do so.

Shari Bell-Beals
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Loan Officer
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FREAK!!! This guy is a piece of work!!

Thank you,

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Karrie Riggan
Draw Administrator Supervisor



New American Funding

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From: Shari Bell
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2016 12:48 PM
To: Karrie Riggan
Subject: RE: Concerns

I just received an alert that a payoff request was just received, so he does appear to be looking to refinance this thing.

Shari Bell-Beals NMLS# 404650
Mortgage Consultant / Renovation Specialist



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www.homeloanswithshari.com

From: Karrie Riggan
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2016 8:48 AM
To: Gavin Morgan; Tommy Orr
Cc: Shari Bell; Mike Tipton; Grayson Morgan
Subject: RE: Concerns

Mr. Morgan,

Tom has no responsibility in regards to the permit applications that are submitted.

If you have documentation stating that the application was poorly submitted please feel free to forward to me so that I may review and place into your file for auditory purposes.

I have attached the Consultant Service Agreement.

Please keep in mind that we all have the same end result as a goal, that being that you have the home that you envisioned during this entire process.

We all need to try to work as a team and communicate so that we can eliminate and complete the project as quickly as possible in a workman like manner.

Thank you again.

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Looking over the attached documents, you can see the Windermere agent worked in conjunction with New American Funding officials while making crude references to sexual orientation/marriage behind his back. At the same time they were doing this, Windermere and New American Funding charged fees for services that "helped" my brother unknowingly buy a house so riddled with code violations that it proved too expensive to repair and they lost it in foreclosure. Nobody should be treated like this! Nobody should be allowed to treat people like this in secret!

Recommend the city council take some Pride in Tacoma and strip all such businesses of their licenses until they publicly apologize for their deeds and put in place a probation period to ensure offenders must make a journey of self reflection and improvement.

Sincerely,

Dr. Grayson Morgan
240-595-4003 cell

From: Mike Tipton
Sent: Mon 11/28/2016 8:02 PM (GMT-00:00)
To: Shari Bell-Beals (shari.bb@nafinc.com)
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: RE: Completion Date

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Mike Tipton
(253) 431-1108

From: Joseph Morgan [mailto:gavinschmavin@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 11:18 AM
To: Mike Tipton <mtipton@windermere.com>; Karrie Riggan <karrie.riggan@nafinc.com>; Tommy Orr <tom@pchomeinspector.com>; Brother Grayson Brandon Morgan <gbmorgan@hotmail.com>; Shari Bell <shari.bb@nafinc.com>
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My husband and I are very cold in the house. It is dirty and dusty. My cat is not well at the petsitter's. I am tired of eating out which is very expensive. I am paying 150\$ a month for storage. The permits have been ready since 11.2 but only one plumber has worked on my house for a total of two days. I have a 1200\$ mortgage and I am not living healthy or comfortably.

Sincerely,
Gavin Morgan

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 28, 2016, at 07:22, Mike Tipton <mtipton@windermere.com> wrote:

Glad to hear things are beginning to come together for you.

Mike Tipton
(253) 431-1108

----- Original message -----

From: Karrie Riggan <Karrie.Riggan@Nafinc.com>

From: Shari Bell
Sent: Mon 11/28/2016 8:06 PM (GMT-00:00)
To: Mike Tipton; Shari Bell
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: RE: Completion Date

Yeah, not surprised either, but if he is really married and was at the time of loan closing, we should have pulled credit on his spouse and we didn't; FHA requirement for married borrower in community property state. I don't think the draw dept cares but wish he hadn't said that.....I don't know why he's getting such differing info. Contractor replacement is possible and if I don't see Karrie address that, I will pipe in and do so.

Shari Bell-Beals
NMLS: 404650
Loan Officer
Renovation Specialist
253.225.3399
Shari.bb@nafinc.com
www.homeloanswithshari.com

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Sent: Fri 12/02/2016 8:49 PM (GMT-00:00)
To: Shari Bell
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: RE: Concerns

FREAK!!! This guy is a piece of work!!

Thank you,

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Karrie Riggan
Draw Administrator Supervisor



New American Funding

15821 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 180
Encino, CA 91436
Direct: 800.450.2010 x7240
Direct: 949.445.8412
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From: Shari Bell
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2016 12:48 PM
To: Karrie Riggan
Subject: RE: Concerns

I just received an alert that a payoff request was just received, so he does appear to be looking to refinance this thing.

Shari Bell-Beals NMLS# 404650
Mortgage Consultant / Renovation Specialist



C: 253.225.3399 F: 253.449.0507
shari.bb@nafinc.com
www.homeloanswithshari.com

From: Karrie Riggan
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2016 8:48 AM
To: Gavin Morgan; Tommy Orr
Cc: Shari Bell; Mike Tipton; Grayson Morgan
Subject: RE: Concerns

Mr. Morgan,

Tom has no responsibility in regards to the permit applications that are submitted.

If you have documentation stating that the application was poorly submitted please feel free to forward to me so that I may review and place into your file for auditory purposes.

I have attached the Consultant Service Agreement.

Please keep in mind that we all have the same end result as a goal, that being that you have the home that you envisioned during this entire process.

We all need to try to work as a team and communicate so that we can eliminate and complete the project as quickly as possible in a workman like manner.

Thank you again.

Thank you,

--
Karrie Riggan
Draw Administrator Supervisor



From: Jess T <jesskthompson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 8:50 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: public comment on NWDC

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Dear Tacoma City Council Members,

I write in support of the proposed resolution regarding releasing people from the NW Detention Center. However, that is not enough.

Many people infected with COVID are asymptomatic. COVID testing should be mandatory for anyone housed at or working/visiting the Northwest Detention Center - symptoms present or not.

More importantly, I also ask that you use this as an opportunity to revoke the GEO Group's business license. Tacoma Municipal Code 6B.10.140 states that a business license can be revoked if "the licensee, or the licensee's agents or employees, has in the conduct of the business violated, or the Director reasonably concludes the licensee will not comply with, any local, state, or federal law requirements relating to public health or safety".

With this, I ask that you begin taking steps to ban the use of private detention centers in our city moving forward. Permitting a for-profit detention company to be based in Tacoma is at odds with the city's proclaimed commitment to racial justice, equity, and safety.

Thank you for your time.

Jess Thompson

98405

From: Guion Rosenzweig <guionyork@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 9:30 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - City Council Meeting 07.07.2020 (Police Commentary)

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Hello Tacoma City Council,

Thank you for your time.

Today, I would like to comment on the Defunding of the Tacoma Police Department.

Defunding does not mean get rid of all police. My personal opinion is that yes, humans need police/law enforcement. However, the balance between enforcing the law equitably and providing services that can lessen the need for law enforcement must be reached. We do not currently seem to have that balance in Tacoma.

One note from last week, I apologize, I got my numbers slightly wrong and would like to re-address the per capita (from General Fund) cost of Police in Seattle vs Tacoma. Apologies for very stupid that mistake.

Tacoma vs Seattle Police Cost

Tacoma Population: 217,827

Tacoma Police Budget: \$175,500,000

Per Capita Cost for Police: \$805.69

Seattle Population: 747,300

Seattle Police Budget: \$407,000,000

Per Capita Cost for Police: \$544.63

48% higher cost for Police per capita in Tacoma than Seattle. This cost is spread over all ages and citizens which is not how the taxes break down of course, but interesting for comparison purposes of General Fund Allocation.

The full Budget for TPD is \$182 Million which does include funds from other areas including fines. I would like to address this budget today, from a citizen perspective.

With an almost \$40 Million budget shortfall this year, now more than ever is the time to talk about Tacoma Police Funds.

It is often thought that Police stop violent crimes like rape and murder. Most of the time this is not the case. Certainly they investigate, but not many rapes & murders are stopped mid action by police. They come in after the fact.

In Tacoma, as stated in your own budget documents, 65% of our general fund goes to public safety while only 5% goes to Neighborhood and Community services. There seems to be an obvious imbalance here. Considering that the need for police does not start in a vacuum, it would seem prudent to address our very lacking community services rather than just pile on more police.

For example, \$1,773,055 is the 2019-20 Budget for the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT). This team does not have a good reputation here in Tacoma. We obviously have a housing issue here in Tacoma. Is it right to have this money going to Police?

TPD has Patrol Services \$68,869,461.

Whereas Community Homeless Services total less than \$10 dollars. Support for Individual Health & Safety including Domestic Violence is just over \$6M. Again, policing does not start in a vacuum. If more domestic violence were curtailed, wouldn't we need less patrol? If there were less unhoused, wouldn't we need less patrol?

Furthermore, patrolling is one of the areas where we have had so many police related deaths, discriminatory practices, and fearful neighborhoods. Our own citizens have said in a survey that especially for Communities of Color, that this policing does not make them feel safer. Crime statistics are not down in the city of Tacoma but up. Obviously increasing TPD street presence is not the answer.

With serious upcoming budget discussions pending, I implore you to think outside of the normal budget box. Let Tacoma be a leader in correct community budgeting, rather than a siphon to police. Respectfully, I also ask that if you are one of the white people on this council that you strongly consider how your voice comes off in our current historic times. As white folks in general, our viewpoint (mine included) can be skewed based on our skin color privilege and often corresponding economic advantage. Let the voices of others be heard in this time, and make your decisions based on that. Saying "We can't defund the police" or "Folks don't know what they are asking for when they say defund" is not helpful to the conversation. Please be open to other voices. And I will tell you, as a middle class white lady, I 100% SUPPORT DEFUNDING THE POLICE AND REALLOCATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES. I am ok with less patrol services, and have never had the police stop any crime to which I was privy. As a community member, I want more funds allocated to community services and less to police.

As a last note, I would like to say that I have been looking at OpenTheBooks.com which offers federal information on City Government Wages. All Tacoma City Employees salaries are listed. Looking at the Tacoma Police amongst others, there is an obvious top heavy salary issue. Of course, people who put their life in harm's way should be paid for their work, but some of these salaries seem disproportionate. We are also still paying the 4 officers involved in the murder of Manuel Ellis. For your reference, their salaries are listed below. This is how much we paid these men to murder Manny then take a paid vacation while they are "investigated".

Burbank Christopher	Police Officer Spec	\$129,323.23
Rankine Timothy	Police Officer	\$89,297.66
Ford Masyih	Police Officer	\$106,433.02

Thank you for your time today, and as always, I renew my wish that these could be read at council, even during covid. We can do that virtually. Additionally, as always, I would like to say that I love this city and my passion in speaking to you as elected officials is because I want Tacoma to be the best it can be!

Kind regards,

Guion Rosenzweig, North Slope Tacoma

From: Brady Smith <bradylviking@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 10:46 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Comments on Proposed Ordinance ORD28678
Attachments: helmet_law.docx

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Please see my comments below and attached to this email.

Brady Smith
1218 N. Frace St.
Tacoma WA 98406

July 6, 2020

To: Tacoma City Council
Re: ORD28678
An ordinance amending Chapter 11.05 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Model Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 11.06, relating to Motorized Scooters and Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices, and Chapter 11.30, relating to Bicycle, Skateboard, Roller Skates, and Scooter Helmets, to update and clarify rules related to active transportation, including micromobility.

STATEMENT AGAINST ADOPTION

The City of Tacoma should not repeal current ordinances regarding mandatory helmet laws.

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From: Bennett Johnson <bennettj987@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 11:13 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Why do we have people in cages?

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear City Council,

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I ALSO DEMAND THAT THE TACOMA ICE DETENTION CENTER IS SHUT DOWN! No one is illegal on stolen land and that detention center is one of the most evil and racist parts of Tacoma and I'm disgusted. I believe you are good people. Please prove me right and hear my demands. All people in the detention center should be returned to their families.

Thanks for your time.

Bennett Johnson

From: Emelia Witt <ewitt@pugetsound.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 11:38 AM
To: City Manager; City Clerk's Office
Subject: Justice for Manuel Ellis

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Thanks for your time.

Emelia Witt

University of Puget Sound '21
Communications and Environmental Policy Double Major; Spanish Minor Jewish Student Union | President she/her/hers
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From: Brent Miller <brent_r_miller@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:19 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: city council meeting tonight

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I have a few questions about the consideration to cost share the vanpool with employees:

1. Why can a cop drive the police car home and have there commute paid 100% for but the city wont pay 100% for a large group in a van
2. With the cost being shared, A lot of employees will not longer be willing to vanpool. I know the van I drive will be forfeited. With the increase of individuals drive personal vehicles to work daily have the increase of parking needs be identified? How will the CTP, TPU and TMB will handle it? Currently there is just enough parking at the CTP, there is no where off site to park and walk to work. What are those employees to do?
3. The cost saving from this will be counter balanced with the decreased productivity of employees that are upset. Have the increase of moral problems been considered in the cost savings? How much does it cost to have a upset, unproductive worker spending extra time complaining about one more thing?

It's \$108,000. lets do what is right and not make traffic any worse.

Thank you
Brent

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Benjamin Summerour <summerourbenjamin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:30 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Public comments for 7/7

Follow Up Flag: Follow up

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Hello, below are my public comments for tonight's meeting of the Tacoma City Council:

I am joining the Abolitionists of Pierce County in demanding that the city council move forward to

- 1) Defund the police and sheriff and allocate this funding to community transformative justice, housing, mental health services, counseling, education and healthcare.
- 2) Remove cops from all schools
- 3) Free all jailed and detained people in Pierce County

I share the demands of the family of Manuel Ellis, who was murdered by the Tacoma Police Department on March 3rd:

- 1) Arrest and charge the TPD officers involved in Manuel Ellis' murder: Matthew Collins, Christopher Burbank, Masyih Ford and Timothy Rankine
- 2) Investigate how many times TPD & Pierce County Sheriff's Department broke laws and policies of I-940.
- 3) Remove officials complicit in the murder cover up: Pierce County Sheriff Paul Pastor, Tacoma Police Chief Don Ramsdell & Pierce County Sheriff's Information Ed Troyer

I also demand that the council stop dragging its feet and move with urgency to address the following emergencies unfolding at the Northwest Detention Center:

- 1) Eliminate the chemical Sani-T-10 to disinfect inside NWDC
- 2) Implement continual testing of all detained people & workers for COVID-19
- 3) Provide medical attention for all people with COVID-19 & other illnesses inside
- 4) Stop transferring people to and from the facility
- 5) End deportations - this is a global pandemic
- 6) Free them all
- 7) Shut down NWDC once and for all

Thank you

From: Jess T <jesskthompson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:13 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: follow up comments

Follow Up Flag: Follow up

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Good afternoon,

After listening to today's study session, I wanted to follow up on my previous email and acknowledge the council members' contributions to the discussions.

Councilmember Ushka, thank you for your powerful stance on the NWDC and addressing the fact that this is not an industry or business that Tacoma should support as we work to be an anti-racist community. It's encouraging to have someone like yourself on the City Council to be part of these discussions and bring them back to address the root issue and not simply putting a band-aid on the symptoms.

Councilmembers Thoms and Beale, I also want to thank you two for your comments regarding the continuous problems regarding NWDC and the need for the city to address how to develop ways to limit the ability for such businesses to locate themselves in our city.

It was disheartening when, at times, the conversation shifted to "what's our risk of being sued" or "let's cozy up to ICE in hopes they'll play nice". I appreciate the dedication you all demonstrated in bringing the discussion back to the larger issues at hand.

I also want to thank Deputy Mayor Blocker for bringing forward the discussion about the disproportionate rates of arrest versus marijuana businesses owned by BIPOC.

Kindly,

Jess Thompson

District 3

From: oakschiller2 <oakschiller2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:28 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: City Council Comment

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Dear City Council

We need to not have the police in our schools. Too many children are being treated as criminals over normal childhood behavior, and this is especially true of black, brown, and indigenous children. This overreaction by police negativity effects children's performance in school, and their mental health. Sometimes children are brought into the criminal justice system through this system, and can end up in juvenile detention and eventually maybe prison. These things create incredible, and unfair obstacles for people, and make it so much harder for them to survive in society, and this is especially true for black, brown, and indigenous people.

We need to invest more into our schools, and give teachers and administrators tools they need to properly deal with children who are breaking rules or disturbing a class, that way they don't rely on police to do a job that they are not equipped to handle. Some good things to have would be more paraeducators, smaller class sizes, and more support for special ed.

Sincerely, Jay Oak-Schiller, Southend Tacoma

From: Abolitionists Pierce County <abolitionistspc@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Hines, John; Thoms, Robert; Blocker, Keith; Ushka, Catherine; Beale, Chris; Hunter, Lillian; McCarthy, Conor; Walker, Kristina
Cc: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Re: public comment

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Dear Council Members,

We have submitted public comments over the past month and have not received a single reply from our council members, the mayor, or any other leader of the City of Tacoma. Today we are resubmitting our comments for the fourth time.

We are writing on behalf of our collective Abolitionists of Pierce County. We are calling on the Tacoma City Council to receive public comments during City Council meetings, in addition to accepting written comments through the end of the meeting. By not accepting public comment during the meeting, closing written comment an hour prior to the start of the meeting, and not reading out the written comments during the meeting, Tacoma City Council is participating and perpetuating political and civic suppression.

The following points describe our collective comments.

These points are specifically centered on the murder of Manny Ellis by the Tacoma Police Department, but also should be applied to all murders by the Tacoma Police Department including the 2016 murder of [Jacqueline Salyers](#).

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- Provide an itemized budget on the city of tacoma website showing all line item categories as well as updated monthly payment sheets.

Further, we request a response to each of the following questions:

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3. Who of the City of Tacoma’s City Council members, Mayor, or City Manager reviewed Manny Ellis’ case prior to May 2020?

Please respond to our letter and the included questions within the next 5 business days.

Additionally, we are still waiting to receive information requested through a Public Document Request. Our request's reference number is T005168-060920. It has been over seven days since we submitted our request. We are available through abilitationistspc@gmail.com.

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On Tue, Jun 16, 2020 at 3:37 PM Abolitionists Pierce County <abilitationistspc@gmail.com> wrote:

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