



City of Tacoma

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, November 9, 2022
6:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chair Naomi Wilson, Vice Chair Marvin Cooks, Secretary Andee Walton, Valentine Smith, Leslie Mintaraga, Laura Badeaux, Noemi Cagatin-Porter, Connie Ladenburg, Kristi Coyne, Doris Brown

Members Absent: Carlos Lugo-Gonzalez, Nikki Singh, Balynda Warden, Wilton Waverly

Staff Present: Vicky McLaurin (NCS)

- 1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks at 6:03**
 - Meeting chaired by Chair Wilson.
 - Roll call.
- 2. Approval of the November agenda at 6:04**
 - Motioned by Commissioner Ladenburg to approve, seconded by Commissioner Cagatin-Porter. Approved unanimously.
- 3. Review/Approval of September minutes at 6:05**
 - Motioned by Commissioner Cagatin-Porter to approve minutes and Commissioner Ladenburg seconded. Approved unanimously.
- 4. Review/Approval of October minutes at 6:07**
 - Motioned by Commissioner Cagatin-Porter to approve minutes and Commissioner Ladenburg seconded. Approved unanimously.
- 5. Public Comment at 6:09**
 - No written public comments received.
- 6. Update on Inclement Weather at 6:10**
 - Update provided by Caleb Carbon
 - i. Cooling Centers to be open for days with anticipated high smoke index.
 - ii. Overnight shelters to be open on days with below 32 degrees plus windchill factors.
 - iii. 14 shelter beds added on November 21st to be available through March 2022
 1. Commissioner Ladenburg asks if shelters are first-come, first-serve.
 - a. Answer: Combination of “de facto dibs” by those with a bed from the night before/most vulnerable are served first.
 2. Chair Wilson inquires about plans for addressing unexpected weather changes, such as atmospheric river, that does not meet current severe weather criteria.
 - a. Answer: best provided by Department of Emergency Management at other time.
- 7. Homeless Engagement Alternative Liaison (HEAL) Presentation at 6:09**
 - Presented by Javon Carlisle, Program Manager.



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- i. Outline of government-funded encampment removal and abatement plans.
 1. Discussion on upcoming and current removal projects around City.

8. General Fund Update at 6:44

- Presented by Vicky McLaurin, Interim Asst. Director.
 - i. Specific discussion on conflict of interest in rating for commissioners: Do not score or participate in process for specified organization.
 - ii. Guidance on looking for organizational strengths and weaknesses during screening and rating.
 - iii. No exception to fund anyone if the organization is not a good fit according to rater criteria.
 - iv. Review of past practices.

9. Motion to cancel December meeting at 7:09

- Motioned by Secretary Walton to approve, seconded by Commissioner Badaeux. Approved unanimously.

10. Review/Excuse Absences at 7:12

- Motioned by Commissioner Cooks to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Lugo-Gonzalez. Approved unanimously.

11. Good of the Order at 7:15

12. Closing Comments at 7:16

- Chair Wilson adjourns at 7:16.