



City of Tacoma Human Services Commission

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Virtual and In-Person Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Members: Chair Kristi Coyne, Vice Chair Laura Badeaux, Addison Atkatsch, Noemi Cagatin-Porter, Connie Landenburg, Collin Thrower, Kristin Marsh, Lasandra President, Sarah Roemer, Nikki Singh, and Naomi Wilson

Members Absent: Secretary Andee Walton, Jesse Carlos, Kimberly Ellefson, Carlos Lugo, and Connie Landenburg

*Commissioners who did not provide advanced notice of their absence.

Staff Present: Danielle Jordan and Matthew Jorgensen

1. Call to Order at 6:01

- Roll call.

2. Acknowledgement of Tribal Lands at 6:02

- Read by Chair Thrower.

3. Approval of the November Agenda at 6:04

- Motioned by Commissioner Noemi Cagatin-Porter to approve and amend agenda, seconded by Commissioner Thrower, and approved unanimously.

4. Review/Approval of October Minutes at 6:05

- Motioned by Chair Kristi Coyne to approve and amend agenda, motioned for correction by Commissioner Thrower to correct **absent without excuse** to be **excused** due to officially notifying Hayley Saucedo on October 1, 2024, via email of absence seconded by Commissioner Roemer, and approved unanimously.
- Amended October minutes for. approval will be included at next meeting.
- Chair Kristi Coyne encouraged in person attendance for future meetings.

5. Presentation of Tacoma Budget by Katie Johnston Budget Officer for the City of Tacoma Budget Brief

Sophia Analyst in the Office of Management and Budget

- Provided financial cost of providing ongoing services for the city of Tacoma.
- Covered theme for this year budget process for our city manager “building public trust”.
- Covered Public utilities estimated budget of 1.8 billion.
- Overview of Portland Avenue redesign project that will have a to improve safety along that corridor.



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- Question from Commissioner Wilson -Does the mental health substance use sales tax have an expiration date?
- Answer: No, it is permanent that's the good news, so it does not need to be renewed.
- Question from Commissioner Wilson -requested information on grants psych consolidation and the emergency micro shelter grants.
- Answer: American Rescue Plan Act city received about 16 million dollars significant amount of those dollars funded temporary emergency shelter sites across the city of Tacoma.
- Question -Commissioner Wilson asks information about Downtown Tacoma library project.
- Answer: Remodeling In progress, completion date possibly early 2025. One floor of the library will possibly offer space for some nonprofits office space at reduced rates.

6. Public Comment at 6:45

- None.

7. Review Excused Absences at 6:46

- Commissioner Andy Walton, Commissioner Carlos Lugo, Commissioner Kimberly Ellison, and Commissioner Jesse Carlos, all notified us.
- Commissioner Singh motions to excuse Commissioner Lugo, Commissioner Ellison, Secretary Walton, and Commissioner Carlos. Commissioner Thrower seconds. All in favor.

8. Good of the Order at 6:47

- Chair Coyne discussed team building retreat for Q1.
- If you would like to help, contact Miss Vicki or Chair Coyne.

9. Closing Comments/Adjourn at 6:51

- Chair Coyne motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Thrower seconded.
- Next meeting set for 12/11/2024.