



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

April 04, 2017

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:10 p.m.

Present: 6 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 3 - Ibsen, McCarthy and Mello

Council Member Ibsen arrived at 12:19 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [17-0345](#) Washington State Legislative Updates

At approximately 12:10 p.m., Randall Lewis, Government Relations Officer, presented legislative updates related to the status of City bills of interest, including House Bill (HB) 1495, which provides a local tax incentive for commercial office space; HB 1570 and Senate Bill (SB) 5254, which create a permanent document recording fee surcharge, and increases the fee to \$90; HB 1298 and SB 5312, requiring statewide implementation of ban-the-box; HB 1201, concerning the taxing authority of public facilities districts; and HB 1594 and HB 1595, related to amendments to the Public Records Act.

Council Member Ibsen arrived here, at 12:19 p.m.

Mr. Lewis concluded by providing a budget comparison, and discussing upcoming dates in the legislature.

Discussion ensued regarding the Housing Trust Fund.

Other Items of Interest

17-0362 Draft Council Consideration Request - Residential Solar Program

Council Member Campbell presented a Council Consideration Request (CCR) for a resolution requesting the Tacoma Public Utility Board write a plan to increase the use of residential solar in the City of Tacoma no later than October 1, 2017.

Discussion ensued regarding support for the CCR, current number of customers using solar energy, current solar programs offered by Tacoma Public Utilities, a scheduling a presentation on solar energy at a future study session.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

2. 17-0346 Weekly Report to the City Council, March 30, 2017

Elizabeth Pauli, Interim City Manager, stated tonight's agenda will include the introduction of the Daffodil Festival Royal Court and at this time there are no expected changes.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk