



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

Telephonic

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 0943 8889

June 09, 2020

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m.

Present: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [20-0381](#) Update on the 2021-2022 Budget Process

At approximately 12:15 p.m., Katie Johnston, Budget Officer, Finance, presented the budget update, including agenda; 2020 budget, noting reductions; General Fund forecast for 2021-2026, noting preliminary projections, General Fund expense overview by department and priority, non-departmental breakout, and risk areas; and outreach and Council touch points, noting 2020-2022 Council priorities, priority-based budget approach, priority based analysis, and outreach.

Discussion ensued regarding the Balancing Act outreach tool, a timeline for budget requests, the possibility of selling the Belt Line to the Port of Tacoma, public safety, making long-term changes versus short-term changes, the Participatory Budget model, collecting information from the community, Project Partnering for Equity and Community Engagement (PEACE), racial equity, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, and staff limitations during the pandemic.

Other Items of Interest

Mayor Woodards stated that the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office offered to let the City Council hear the Pierce County Sheriff's Department present the findings of the Manuel Ellis investigation and that she declined the offer.

Committee Reports

Mayor Woodards stated that elections were held at the Pierce Transit Board meeting and that she was re-elected as Chair for two more years.

Council Member Beale stated that he briefed the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Board on the City of Tacoma budget and that the Board voted to keep the amount the City contributes to the Agency the same.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

2. [20-0382](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, June 4, 2020

There was no City Manager's Report given.

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending and potential litigation, not to exceed 20 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 1:15 p.m.
City Attorney Bill Fosbre was present.

The Executive Session was extended by 30 minutes at 1:45 p.m. and by 15 minutes at 2:35 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded, and the study session reconvened at 2:49 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk