



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

January 28, 2020

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Council Member McCarthy called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

Present: 6 - Beale, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms and Walker

Absent: 3 - Blocker, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Mayor Woodards arrived at 12:40 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to nominate Council Member McCarthy as Presiding Officer until the return of the Mayor.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

Ayes: 6 - Beale, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms and Walker

Absent: 3 - Blocker, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Executive Session - Pending and Potential Litigation

MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending and potential litigation, not to exceed 30 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

Ayes: 6 - Beale, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms and Walker

Absent: 3 - Blocker, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 12:15 p.m.

City Attorney Bill Fosbre was present.

Mayor Woodards arrived here, at 12:40 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 12:48 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [20-0065](#) Community Survey Presentation

At approximately 12:49 p.m., Katie Johnston, Budget Officer, Finance, introduced Jared Eyer, Senior Management and Budget Analyst, Office of Management and Budget, and Chris Bandak, Executive Vice President of Market Research and Analytics, MDB Insight Inc., and together they presented the Community Satisfaction Survey, including the methodology; results for overall quality of life and satisfaction questions, noting quality of life and satisfaction with municipal services; results of quality of life and community questions, noting major issues facing Tacoma, social services, and crime and public safety; the satisfaction of services overview; satisfaction and importance; and improvements. They further reviewed results for municipal confidence and participation survey questions, noting government confidence, participation in events and civic life, service complaints, and community impact; key findings; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding quality of life, crime rates in Tacoma versus other municipalities, demographic representation, renter sampling versus owner sampling, and seeing trends from previous surveys.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Walker stated she will be bringing a Council Contingency Request for the University of Washington Tacoma Urban Studies Forum on Attainable Housing to next week's study session.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

2. [20-0066](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, January 23, 2020

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are no ceremonials and no expected changes on tonight's meeting agenda. She further stated there will be three Multi-Family Property Tax Exemptions (MFTE) and passed out advanced materials for the presentations.

Discussion ensued regarding policy development for MFTEs, a city-wide design review program, the State legislature, the Governor's house bill, and effects on the MFTE program in the City.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk