



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

July 26, 2016

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Mello called the study session to order at 12:05 p.m.

Present: 5 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan, McCarthy and Mello

Absent: 4 - Ibsen, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Council Member Ibsen arrived at 12:06 p.m., Council Member Woodards arrived at 12:08 p.m., and Council Member Thoms arrived at 12:19 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [16-0715](#) 2016 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code Public Hearing Debriefing

Council Member Ibsen arrived here, at 12:06 a.m.

At approximately 12:07 p.m., Brian Boudet, Planning and Development Services (PDS), provided brief opening remarks and introduced Stephen Atkinson, PDS.

Council Member Woodards arrived here, at 12:08 p.m.

Mr. Atkinson discussed public comment received relative to the proposed Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code.

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

Mr. Atkinson continued discussing recommendations and next steps. Discussion ensued throughout regarding minimum lot sizes, development of South 72nd and South Alaska streets, notification requirements and improvements and shoreline regulations. Council Member Thoms requested a map overlay showing the proposed size of a notification area.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Committee Reports

Deputy Mayor Mello stated that Pierce Transit had recently moved forward with improvements to Transit Centers in many neighborhoods, including 72nd and Portland Avenue, Tacoma Community College, the Park and Rides located near State Route 512, and the Tacoma Mall. He stated that Pierce Transit will be investing \$2,500,000 for basic improvements, such as cracked pavement, shelters, upgraded lighting and landscaping.

Council Member Lonergan stated that in light of the Latino Town Hall findings, he had reached out to South Sound 911 regarding language services offered by emergency operators and stated that South Sound 911 uses a service called Language Line, which allows for an immediate connection directly to a translator, and that other spanish speaking communications officers can be reached as well. Discussion ensued regarding financial incentive for bilingual emergency operators.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

2. [16-0712](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, July 21, 2016

At approximately 12:47 p.m., T.C. Broadnax, City Manager stated there are no proclamations, recognitions, presentations or changes to tonight's agenda. Deputy Mayor Mello requested staff follow up on issues surrounding fireworks enforcement.

Executive Session - Potential Litigation

MOTION: Council Member Woodards moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Woodards

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

The Council convened to Executive Session at 12:55 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli was present.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Ryan Mello, Deputy Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk