



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

May 02, 2017

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Present: 5 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy and Thoms

Absent: 4 - Lonergan, Mello, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Council Member Lonergan arrived at 12:07 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [17-0453](#) Historic Preservation Annual Update

At approximately 12:06 p.m., Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, provided background information related to the Historic Preservation Program, and introduced Lauren Hoogkamer, Historic Preservation Coordinator.

Council Member Lonergan arrived here, at 12:07 p.m.

Mr. McKnight provided an update on the Historic Preservation Program, including 2016-2017 objectives, strategies, achievements of the program, achievements of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, and Heritage Project grants.

Ms. Hoogkamer discussed Historic Preservation Month 2017, and Mr. McKnight concluded by discussing upcoming events.

2. [17-0455](#) Council Consideration Request - Temporary Homeless Camp Regulations Review

At approximately 12:28 p.m., Council Member Blocker presented a Council Consideration Request (CCR) directing the City Manager to have staff and the Planning Commission re-examine the City's regulations relative to temporary homeless camps.

Discussion ensued regarding goals of the CCR, gaps in available services for the homeless, shelter capacity, enforcement, barriers to establishing temporary homeless camps, next steps for the CCR, the CCR process, the intent of the CCR, housing shortages, and tent cities.

Mayor Strickland stated that she will be adding a resolution to tonight's agenda that will direct the Interim City Manager and staff to take a look at what the City would need to address in order to declare a state of emergency to be able to take action in the fastest way possible.

Discussion continued regarding support for the proposed resolution, underfunding of the mental health system, and whether the CCR will go forward to the full City Council.

3. [17-0456](#) Council Consideration Request - Youth Age Eligibility for Committees, Boards, and Commissions

At approximately 1:18 p.m., Council Member Blocker presented a CCR requesting concurrence to forward a resolution for consideration to change the age of eligibility for youth positions on the City's Committees, Boards, and Commissions from 16-18 to 16-24 years of age.

Discussion ensued regarding the reasons that youth are not participating, outreach, vacant youth positions, youth terms, and youth engagement in government.

4. [17-0457](#) Council Consideration Request Process Discussions

At approximately 1:30 p.m., Council Member Lonergan, presented a letter highlighting a recent discussion relative to the CCR process, held at the April 19, 2017 Government Performance and Finance Committee.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

5. [17-0458](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, April 27, 2017

Elizabeth Pauli, Interim City Manager, stated there are two proclamations on tonight's agenda, proclaiming May 2017 as Bike Month, and Historic Preservation Month.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Robert Thoms, Deputy Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk