



# City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

February 16, 2016

12:00 PM

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## Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:07 p.m.

**Present:** 6 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan, Mello, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 3 - Ibsen, McCarthy and Thoms

## Briefing Items

1. [16-0126](#) Environmental Action Plan

At approximately 12:08 p.m., Jim Parvey, Assistant Division Manager, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability (OEPS), provided opening remarks regarding the draft Environmental Action Plan. He then introduced Kristin Lynett, Manager, OEPS. Ms. Lynett reviewed the six categories the plan is divided into, the plan's framework, baseline indicator, five year targets, public input, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding air pollution, community gardens in low income neighborhoods, the importance of tracking demographics, electric and plug-in hybrid City vehicles, public transportation, tracking of green house gas emissions in early 2017, and green house gas inventory.

2. [16-0127](#) Treatment Plan for the Asian Gypsy Moth Threat

At approximately 12:46 p.m., Mr. Parvey provided opening remarks regarding the destructive gypsy moth population and the 2016 recommended treatment in the City. He then introduced Hector Castro, Communications Director, and Dr. Brad White, Assistant Director, Plant Protection Division, Washington State Department of Agriculture. Dr. White reviewed where the moths were found, what's at risk, and the recommended treatment. Mr. Castro reviewed the public outreach effort.

Discussion ensued regarding the safety of the pesticide, start date and

timeframe for the spraying, methods to get the word out to City residents, such as, TV Tacoma and meeting with business owners and longshoremen.

3. [16-0129](#) Council Consideration Request - Welcoming Cities Latino Roundtable Community Convenings

At approximately 1:15 p.m., Council Member Campbell presented a Council Consideration Request for up to \$10,000 from the Council Contingency Fund for the facilitation of two townhall meetings to connect with member's of the Latino community as part of the Welcoming Cities Initiative.

Discussion ensued regarding how this came about, the intended outcome, cost, and welcoming undocumented community members.

### **Other Items of Interest**

There were no other items of interest.

### **Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports.

### **Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report**

4. [16-0128](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, February 11, 2016

Mark Lauzier, Assistant City Manger, stated that there were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, announcements or changes to tonight's agenda. He announced a change to tonight's scheduled meeting at Meeker Middle School regarding the proposed Northwest Innovation Works methanol plant. He stated the meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center ballroom located at 1500 Broadway. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. for speaker sign-up and the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Strickland asked if the residents of the Northeast neighborhood would have a chance to speak first at the rescheduled meeting.

Mr. Lauzier stated that they would have that opportunity.

## **Adjournment**

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk