



# City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

**June 16, 2015**

**12:00 PM**

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## Call to Order

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

**Present:** 5 - Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 4 - Campbell, Mello, Thoms and Walker

Council Member Campbell arrived at 12:14 p.m.

## Briefing Items

1. [15-0634](#) Cascade Bicycle Club's Major Taylor Project

At approximately 12:07 p.m., Diane Wiatr, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, introduced Elizabeth Kiker and Ed Ewing of Cascade Bicycle Club. Ms. Kiker gave a brief introduction to the Cascade Bicycle Club. Mr. Ewing followed with an overview of the Major Taylor Project, including history, funding, number of students and staff involved at Lincoln High School, partners, and future expansion. He then provided a short video highlighting the experience of a student participating in the project and discussed the number of students served this year, number of participating schools, and reasons behind the project name. Discussion ensued regarding support for the project.

Council Member Campbell arrived here, at 12:14 p.m.

2. [15-0635](#) Encampment and Site Hardening

At approximately 12:28 p.m., Mayor Strickland provided comments on site hardening near the Tacoma Public Library, and the City's efforts to combat homelessness. She noted that the City of Tacoma is dedicated to respectful, kind human services. She then introduced Nadia Chandler Hardy, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services, who provided an overview of the presentation and background information on the Site Reclamation Program. Ms. Chandler Hardy then provided comments on the most recent Site Reclamation effort near the Tacoma Public Library, located at the corner of

Earnest Brazill Street and Tacoma Avenue South. She spoke of recent public nuisance complaints which indicated that site reclamation was necessary at that site, provided information on future plans for site reclamation near the library, and gave examples of public nuisance at various encampments along several roads in the City.

Ms. Chandler Hardy then introduced Pam Duncan, and Colin DeForrest, Neighborhood and Community Services. Ms. Duncan, and Mr. DeForrest provided background information, and an overview of funding, including 2015-2016 budget, 2015-2016 Human Services funding, and 2015-2016 Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders (MHSUD) funding.

Mr. DeForrest then provided a map reviewing annual encampment counts and severity, examples of before and after site reclamation, site reclamation process, and challenges. Discussion ensued regarding housing options, types of individuals who may be part of the homeless population, and unaccompanied youth.

Ms. Duncan then discussed next steps. Ms. Chandler Hardy then concluded the presentation with brief comments regarding policy and possible future actions. Discussion ensued regarding housing, prevention of homelessness, cause of homelessness, support of City's efforts, encampments, showing compassion towards the homeless population, services provided in and out of the City, concerns, execution and future intent.

3. [15-0636](#) Council Consideration Request - Tollefson Plaza Skateboarding Pilot Project

At approximately 1:32 p.m., Council Member Campbell introduced a Council Consideration Request requesting City Council concurrence to move forward with a three month skateboarding pilot project in Tollefson Plaza in downtown Tacoma. The request also asked for further concurrence to provide staff with direction to remove signage stating that skateboarding is prohibited at that site. Discussion ensued regarding signage, reclaiming space, and support for the pilot project.

[15-0644](#) Council Consideration Request - Proposal to Remove Conviction Question from Applications for Employment with the City of Tacoma

At approximately 1:38 p.m., Council Member Woodards introduced a Council Consideration Request requesting City Council to direct the City Manager to prepare a Resolution for City Council consideration that will "Ban the Box", which will remove the question from the City's employment application that states "Have you been convicted of a felony within the last 10 years?". Discussion ensued regarding support of the request.

## 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. [15-0637](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, June 11, 2015

At approximately 1:43 p.m., T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated that there is one presentation on tonight's agenda. State Representative Jake Fey will present the Governor's Award for leadership in energy performance to the City. He then stated there are no changes to tonight's agenda, and reminded Council that they will be seated in a quasi-judicial hearing of an appeal, regarding the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, relative to the assessment roll for Local Improvement District No. 8648, for the placement of permanent pavement with curbs and necessary storm drainage on South 69th Street, from Durango Street to South Madison Street, and on South Proctor Street, from South 69th Street north approximately 225 feet.

## Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk