



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

February 27, 2018

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:09 p.m.

Present: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Briefing Items

1. [18-0194](#) Tacoma Anchor Institutions Initiative Briefing

At approximately 12:10 p.m., Tanisha Jumper, Director, Media and Communications, made opening remarks, provided a brief history, and introduced Danny Fisher-Bruns, Consultant, and Justine Porter, Manager of Advisory Services, Democracy Collaborative. Ms. Porter provided an overview; a briefing on the Cleveland anchor institution procurement, including the four largest institutes in the City of Cleveland and the fiscal impact to run the businesses; life expectancy in Hough and Lyndhurst, Ohio; social determinants of health; and social and economic factors. Ms. Porter described what anchor institutions are, community wealth building, and reviewed Healthcare Anchor Network participants. She further described and provided examples of engaged practice with cities and institutions, Rochester's Market Driven Community Cooperative Corporation, and the Newark initiative. Mr. Fisher-Bruns described the Pierce County's census tract on life expectancy versus percent of people of color from 2009-2013 and the process to bring Tacoma's largest purchasers and employers together to address the disparities. He concluded on the February 26, 2018 workshop, noting challenges for organizations and the community, solutions, creation of framework, and call to action. Mr. Fisher-Bruns concluded on immediate next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding what the anchor institutions represent from a whole perspective, metrics and impact, community wealth building, participation, and immediate next steps. Discussion continued on the procurement and hiring focus; who the anchor institutions are, including

how they define their goals, implementation, and ensure authenticity of results; resource and budget; funding; best location for the convener; and education on the buying power.

2. [18-0196](#) Project PEACE Update and 2018 Plan

At approximately 12:52 p.m., Diane Powers, Director, Office of Equity and Human Rights (OEHR), made opening remarks and introduced Don Ramsdell, Chief of Police, Tacoma Police Department (TPD), and Lawrence Coleman, Project Partnering for Equity and Community Engagement (PEACE) Coordinator, OEHR. Ms. Powers provided an update on Project PEACE, including the agenda, background, and a timeline of the history. Mr. Ramsdell described the Project PEACE mission, relationships, common themes, TPD's progress on action items in regards to training, community and youth engagement, and the Police Open Data Initiative. Mr. Coleman reviewed the Project PEACE executive committee, 2018 committee members, police recruit dialogues, youth dialogues, and concluded on the plans for 2018.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding opportunity to engage with middle schools in Tacoma, TPD training, a semi-permanent roll of engagement with communities and schools, and social media communication. Discussion continued on change in trust in the law enforcement and recruitment.

3. [18-0197](#) Review of CTC Technology & Energy Agreement and Scope of Work for the Request for Interest on Alternative Click! Partnership Models

At approximately 1:34 p.m., Chris Bacha, Chief Deputy City Attorney, reviewed the CTC Technology and Energy agreement, including Resolution No. 39930, the purpose of the contract, and next steps, including developing a Request for Information, ranking and recommendations, follow-up, and assessment.

Discussion ensued regarding public telecommunication, potential partnerships, goals, involvement and awareness from the new Tacoma Public Utility Director, and budget.

4. [18-0198](#) Discuss Process and Criteria for the Appointment of Interim Council District No. 2 Position

At approximately 1:46 p.m., Mayor Woodards discussed the process and criteria for the appointment of Interim Council District No. 2 position, including history of the process, process options, and a timeline. She concluded by reviewing criteria used in the past.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding working together as a whole to choose the appointee, discussion only in executive session, movements or decisions are made in an open public meeting by motion, the process, the number of applicants to advance for interview, and future processes. Discussion continued on the interview date, including the length of interview, holding an executive session after interviews, change of location to City Council Chambers, an optional outline on how to move forward with applicants selected, and establishing a written policy on Council Member vacancies. Discussion concluded on appointing an individual with the same interest and platform as Council Member Thoms, and proposed qualifications and criteria.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Committee Reports

Council Member Mello stated the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Board held its monthly meeting, which discussed two important topics, including an agreement with Northwest Seaport Alliance and a greenhouse gas target strategy.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

5. [18-0199](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, February 22, 2018

City Manager Pauli stated there is one proclamation, proclaiming Wednesday, February 28, 2018 as Rare Disease Day, and there is one expected change to tonight's agenda, a proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 28493 to remove the language that was incorrectly included in the Ordinance in Council Members packets. She stated there are no other expected changes at this time and reminded Council Members if they have any questions about tonight's agenda to let her know.

Executive Session - Review Interim Council District No. 2 Applicants' Qualifications

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the qualifications of applicants for the Interim Council District No. 2 position, not to exceed 30 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

The Council convened to Executive Session at 2:41 p.m.

The Executive Session was extended by 30 minutes at 3:11 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 3:36 p.m.

The City Council discussed a proposed process in selecting candidates to interview for the Interim City Council District No. 2 position, including a motion allowing the Mayor and each Council Member to forward one applicant to be considered. If the first motion is adopted, each Council Member will provide a motion to move a specific name forward, discussion will follow the motions, and a vote may be taken after discussion. There may be up to nine candidates moved forward for interview.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk