



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

**December 16, 2014**

**12:00 PM**

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### Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:06 p.m.

**Present:** 6 - Boe, Campbell, Lonergan, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 3 - Ibsen, Mello and Woodards

Council Member Ibsen arrived at 12:08 p.m.

### Briefing Items

**14-1283**

Next Steps for Voter Approved Charter Amendments

Mayor Strickland stated at the November 4, 2014 General Election, voters considered twelve proposed amendments to the City Charter, of which ten were approved. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli stated six of the ten approved amendments do not require any other implementation other than making staff aware and updating the Charter. She then reviewed the remaining four amendments that require Council action, including those related to the confirmation of department heads, the confirmation and reconfirmation of the Director of Public Utilities, the Landmarks Preservation Commission, and the Citizens' Commission on Elected Salaries. Ms. Pauli noted the next step is a discussion regarding the processes and standards for the proposed amendments at the Government Performance and Finance Committee meeting tomorrow.

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

Ms. Pauli stated the discussion at Committee tomorrow will likely focus on the process and potential standards for the amendments which allow for Council confirmation of department heads, and Council authority for confirmation of the appointment and reconfirmation of the Utility Director. She then stated the amendment related to the Landmarks Preservation Commission makes the existence of the Commission a requirement through the Charter; however the Council already appoints members to the Commission, so it is likely Council will not change the appointment process. Ms. Pauli noted the amendment related to the Commission on Elected Salaries provides for five of the seven

commission members to be appointed by law through the Pierce County Auditor and the other two to be Mayoral appointments with a confirmation by the Council. She concluded by stating the discussion tomorrow will likely focus on the process for Mayoral appointments, which require a member from the legal community and one member from the human resources community.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

**14-1289** Weekly Report to the City Council, December 11, 2014

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated at tonight's Council meeting there will be a proclamation proclaiming December 31, 2014 as First Night Tacoma Day, a recognition of the City's third place finish in the Digital Cities Survey Award, and a presentation of "Hallelujah Chorus" by the Tacoma Symphony Chorus. He then stated there may be motions to amend Ordinance No. 28275 related to the minimum employment standards, noting Council Member Mello may propose amendments regarding public hearings, carryover, and accrual of leave. Mayor Strickland stated she may also bring forward motions to amend Ordinance No. 28275 relating to premium pay and front-loading hours.

## Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

**MOTION: Council Member Boe moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)(b) to discuss labor negotiations, the session not to exceed 15 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 2 - Mello and Woodards

Mayor Strickland stated today's Committee of the Whole meeting has been cancelled, and the December 23 and 30, 2014 Council meetings and study sessions have been cancelled. She noted the next study session will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

The Council convened to Closed Session at 12:20 p.m.

The Closed Session was extended for eight minutes at 12:35 p.m.

The Closed Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 12:43 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk