



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

May 08, 2018

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Present: 6 - Beale, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 3 - Blocker, McCarthy and Ushka

Briefing Items

1. [18-0477](#) Racial Equity and Homelessness Report

At approximately 12:12 p.m., Diane Powers, Director, Office of Equity and Human Rights, made opening remarks and introduced Marc Dones, Project Director, Supporting Partnerships for Anti-Racist Communities (SPARC). Mr. Dones provided a report on Racial Equity and Homelessness, including the purpose of the research, previous work done by SPARC, and quantitative findings, noting five SPARC communities and the United States. He provided graphs of SPARC community comparisons by race and ethnicity regarding general population, deep poverty, and homelessness; a comparison chart of Community Five and the United States, noting percentage of races in general population, deep poverty, and homeless; quantitative findings on the Tacoma Housing Authority data on people who received Section 8 vouchers; and SPARC aggregation of races by age. Mr. Dones further reviewed workforce data, noting percentage of race of senior managers and other roles; qualitative findings, including economic mobility, housing, behavioral health, criminal justice, and family stabilization; and network impoverishment, including narratives from individuals on their experiences. He concluded on recommendations, noting racial equity, service provisions, and systems and policy.

Discussion ensued regarding current discussions and implementation of changes within the City, recommended service provisions, the different ways the Community District statistics were reported, external contracting and application process, and funding. Discussion concluded on Community Five and if the City would have different results, what would happen if lesbian, gay,

bisexual, and transgender people and youth were overlaid into the data, the inclusion of private sectors in the recommendations, and the use of power and control to provide resources.

Other Items of Interest

2. [18-0478](#) Council Consideration Request - Support of Electric Vehicle Initiatives

Deputy Mayor Ibsen stated the Council Consideration Request in support of electric vehicle initiative does not have any fiscal impact and is setting a prioritization of policy. The resolution created would acknowledge the work Tacoma Power has been doing and adds a few suggestions for both General Government and Tacoma Power. In the long term, the resolution would set up a separate plan for vehicle electrification with metrics and regular check-ins with the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee.

3. [18-0494](#) Proposed Amendments to Ordinance No. 28511.

Council Member Hunter provided an amendment to Ordinance No. 28511 relating to the Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea Plan. She informed Council Members it is a technical cleanup of the map included in the plan, which had incorrect labeling and a questionable line within an area. The amendment will provide a corrected map with accurate labeling of the streets and remove the grey line.

Council Member Mello also provided amendments to Ordinance No. 28511, and stated those will be presented by himself and Council Member Beale. He informed Council Members it simplifies the inclusionary zoning pilot by reducing the program requirements and reducing the parking minimum requirements.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [18-0479](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, May 3, 2018

City Manager Pauli stated there is one proclamation, proclaiming the week of May 6-12, 2018 as National Nurses Week and there are three potential

amendments to Ordinance No. 28511.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk