



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

November 07, 2017

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Present: 7 - Blocker, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Campbell and Thoms

Deputy Mayor Thoms and Council Member Campbell arrived at 12:14 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [17-1139](#) Update on the Tacoma Link Extension Project

At approximately 12:05 p.m. Madeleine Greathouse, Sound Transit Project Director, introduced Sound Transit staff members Lauren Wheeler, Community Outreach Specialist, Sue Comis, Transit Development Manager, Cynthia Padilla, Architect, and Barbara Luecke, Public Art Program. Ms. Greathouse discussed the infrastructure involved with the Tacoma Link Extension Project, including the route, central platform configuration, sharing a traffic lane with vehicles, platform locations, and traction power substations. She then presented the project timeline, stating the project is at 90 percent design completion, construction will occur for approximately 2.5 years with pre-project work by utility companies, and service is anticipated to begin in May 2022. Ms. Comis discussed two agreements with the City, the amendment to the Funding Agreement, and the Work Orders under City Services Agreement.

Deputy Mayor Thoms and Council Member Campbell arrived here, at 12:14 p.m.

Ms. Wheeler discussed the approach and process for naming the stations, which are scheduled for approval next week by the Sound Transit Board and Ms. Padilla provided an overview of the station platforms and traction power substations design. Ms. Luecke then discussed the process for including art in the project and stated Sound Transit has selected Kenji Stoll, hilltop resident

and local artist. Ms. Padilla discussed an addition to the operations and maintenance facility and Ms. Wheeler concluded with ongoing and future outreach efforts.

Discussion ensued regarding community impact, traffic signals and safety at the new platform locations, outreach regarding sharing traffic lanes, station platform design, outreach to neighborhoods and families in Northeast Tacoma who attend schools in the impacted area, and construction impact to businesses.

2. [17-1140](#) Tideflats Interim Regulations

At approximately 12:41 p.m. Steve Atkinson, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services, introduced Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, and Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney. He stated the purpose of today's meeting is to present a summary of public testimony and look at any potential amendments prior to first reading of the ordinance on November 14, 2017. Mr. Atkinson stated approximately 70 people testified at the public hearing, and the City received approximately 270 pages of written public comment.

Mr. Atkinson reported for the topic of expanded notification for heavy industrial uses, comments received were in support for the notice, distance for notification, and the cost and impact. He stated for the topic of pausing non-industrial uses in the Port Manufacturing/Industrial Center, there was some opposition or concern, and there were some specific concerns around some types of uses, such as airports and the Northwest Detention Center and correctional facilities. Mr. Atkinson reported for the topic of Marine View Drive Residential Development Restrictions, there was some concerns, opposition, as well as support for the proposal, and there were questions regarding buffers. Mr. Atkinson stated for the topic of Heavy Industrial Use Restrictions, there was both opposition and support and comments were received regarding the scope of uses, environmental and economic impacts, and the expansion of existing facilities. He then discussed other themes from public comment, including the purpose of and timeframe for interim regulations, concerns about adequate notification and some existing uses, and support for the Subarea Plan process.

Discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding expanded notification, mailing notice requirements, how the opt-in electronic notification process currently works, and heavy industrial zoning notices and buffers. Discussion continued regarding land supply for industrial and non-industrial employment and development, the Subarea Plan process and what kind of analysis will be completed, differences between staff and Planning Commission recommendations, smelting and adding new smelters

to the list of what would be precluded in the interim regulations, the duration of interim regulations, conditional use permit and appeal processes, limits on the expansion of existing facilities, the need to understand the impacts and unintended consequences of the interim regulations on businesses, and a desire for a list of benefits and risks of the interim regulations for Council Members to weigh.

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

3. [17-1141](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, November 2, 2017

Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager, stated there are no expected changes to tonight's City Council meeting and there are no proclamations, presentations, or recognitions tonight.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk