



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers
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January 30, 2024
12:00 PM

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Hines called the study session to order at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Scott, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 2 - Rumbaugh and Mayor Woodards

Council Member Rumbaugh arrived at 12:05 p.m.

Council Member Ushka participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [24-0106](#) Home in Tacoma Project - Phase 2 Update
[Brian Boudet, Planning Manager; Elliott Barnett, Senior Planner; Alyssa Torrez, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 12:00 p.m., Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, Planning and Development Services (PDS), introduced Corey Newton, Site and Building Division Manager, and Elliott Barnett and Alyssa Torrez, Senior Planners, PDS; and provided a brief background on Home in Tacoma Phase 2, including an agenda, revised project schedule, and overview.

Council Member Rumbaugh arrived here, at 12:05 p.m.

Boudet continued with what areas are included in Home in Tacoma (HIT). Barnett presented the public review package; summaries; factors that affected the proposed zoning framework; housing types, noting houseplex, rowhouse, and multiplex; Urban Residential (UR) zoning map; how proposed UR zones work; parking requirements; tree requirements; residential target areas; and guide to the Tacoma Municipal Code changes. Newton continued with a site planning exercise, noting example scenarios tested; site planning outcomes; and Draft Environmental Impact Statement, noting purpose, methodology, community ask, and conclusions. Torrez concluded with how the City is informing the community, noting Environmental Impact Statement, and interactive map; how to get involved with in-person events; and how to leave comments.

Discussion ensued regarding the site planning exercise, noting potential collaboration with developers, builders, architects, and zoning; appreciation for the updates; interactive map; expansion of the Multi-Family Tax Exemption; multi-lingual access; tree canopy, noting tree management in City right-of-way, tiny forests, and tracking tree bonuses; zoning code variances; engagement with youth; homeownership and condo liability; reduced parking requirements, including major transit stops; critical area development; Manitou annexation zoning; conversations with Pierce County regarding zoning; residential target areas; and tree protection.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

2. [24-0107](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, January 25, 2024

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are no ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda; and no changes are expected to tonight's agenda.

Executive Session - Potential Litigation

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to convene to an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(i) and (ii) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

The City Council convened to executive session at 1:36 p.m.
City Attorney Chris Bacha was present.

The executive session was extended by five minutes at 1:52 p.m.

The executive session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 1:59 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk