



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

March 26, 2019

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:08 p.m.

Present: 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Ibsen and McCarthy

Deputy Mayor McCarthy arrived at 12:11 p.m.

Mayor Woodards requested the agenda order be revised to begin with the Mayor's Youth Commission (Commission) update first.

Briefing Items

3. [19-0296](#) Mayor's Youth Commission Update

At approximately 12:10 p.m., Bucoda Warren, Management Fellow, City Manager's Office, provided opening remarks on the Commission's mid-point update.

Deputy Mayor McCarthy arrived here, at 12:11 p.m.

Mr. Warren provided background information and a review of the first three months of the Commission; current structure, including committees; and next steps. Adrena Collins, Office Coordinator, and Joseph Colón, Assistant Director, Foundation for Tacoma Students, reviewed work by the steering committee to formalize the Commission's goals, role, and partnerships. Mr. Warren concluded by inviting Council Members to a celebration and Youth Commission elections on June 15, 2019.

Discussion ensued regarding the high level of interest and involvement; plans to further develop and sustain the Commission; reporting and communication to the public; and next steps, including presentations by Commission members to the City Council.

1. [19-0294](#) Opioid Initiative

At approximately 12:34 p.m., Jim Duggan, Chief, Tacoma Fire Department (TFD), provided introductory remarks and presented the TFD Opioid Response Program, Narcan distribution program, and community training. Tory Green, Deputy Chief, TFD, explained the new 'Safe Station' program, with the first pilot station at Station 1 downtown starting in May 2019. Laura Morris, Program Director, TFD, described the TFD CARES program, including individual case management, community education and support, and nonemergency mobile response; the mobile response 'CARES Unit', funded by a two-year Washington State Health Care Authority grant; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding program goals; outreach and communications; tracking City services and costs; lawsuits against opioid producers; treatment methods; barriers to treatment, including issues with medical benefits coverage; Council support; and adjustments as the program evolves.

2. [19-0295](#) Tideflats Subarea Plan - Work Plan Update

At approximately 1:15 p.m., Brian Boudet, Planning Manager, Planning and Development Services (PDS), provided opening remarks on the work plan for the Tideflats Subarea Plan. Mayor Woodards described the work plan's scope and participation of the five entities, including the City, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Port of Tacoma, City of Fife, and Pierce County, on the steering committee. Council Member Mello outlined high-level goals of the comprehensive subarea planning effort. Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, PDS, outlined the area included in the Manufacturing and Industrial Center designation; history and purpose of the designation; benefits of a subarea plan; history of the intergovernmental agreement, including establishing funding partners, requirement for a mutually satisfactory work plan, and formation of a steering committee; and the work plan overview and scope. Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office, further outlined the purpose to provide coordination and information, but not to impact the authority and role of the agencies involved. Mr. Atkinson explained what the plan will address; partnerships, including the City-lead project management team, the staff leadership team, and the steering committee; community engagement; Tideflats Subarea Plan process, with environmental review; and resources available online.

Discussion ensued regarding timelines for amendments during the legislative process; goals for the plan and process, Council input at major points during the process, quality data and analysis, determining who will serve on the stakeholder advisory group, the environmental review process, engaging other manufacturing and industrial areas in the City, and community engagement.

Other Items of Interest

4. [19-0315](#) Humane Society Letter

Council Member Hunter stated she is seeking support for a letter to the Humane Society of the United States to rehome 36 rescued beagles to the Pacific Northwest.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

5. [19-0207](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, March 21, 2019

Assistant City Manager Tadd Wille stated that tonight's City Council meeting agenda includes a recognition of the Tacoma Sea Scouts, a proclamation to proclaim March 2019 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, and one expected change to remove Resolution No. 40269 from the agenda.

Executive Session - Pending Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation, not to exceed 10 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ibsen

The Council convened to Executive Session at 2:10 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre, Chief Deputy City Attorney Tom Morrill, and Deputy City Attorneys Jennifer Taylor and Michelle Yotter were present.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:12 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk