



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

July 12, 2016

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:05 p.m.

Present: 6 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 3 - Ibsen, McCarthy and Mello

Deputy Mayor Mello arrived at 12:06 p.m., Council Member McCarthy arrived at 12:08 p.m., and Council Member Ibsen arrived at 12:11 p.m.

Council Member Woodards participated telephonically and arrived in person at 1:33 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [16-0652](#) Latino Town Hall Meetings Report Out

Deputy Mayor Mello arrived here, at 12:06 p.m.

At approximately 12:06 p.m., Carmen White, Office of Equity and Human Rights, provided opening remarks and introduced Diana Alvarado Chavez, Lorenzo Cervantes, Liesl Santkuyl, and Juan Jose Chavez, Latino Town Hall Task Force, who presented findings from the recent Latino Town Hall meetings.

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

Ms. Alvarado Chavez discussed research design.

Council Member Ibsen arrived here, at 12:11 p.m.

Mr. Cervantes, Ms. Santkuyl and Mr. Chavez continued the presentation by discussing participant demographics, barriers, opportunities for collaboration, strengths of the Latino community, the Latino community's vision for the future, next steps, and recommendations. Discussion ensued throughout

regarding organizations providing support to the Latino community, access to family wage jobs, support for the report and recommendations, equity and empowerment, and access to services.

2. [16-0653](#) Tacoma Art Plan

At approximately 1:12 p.m., Amy McBride, Community and Economic Development, provided opening remarks and introduced Marcia Wagoner and Deborah Munkberg, 3 Square Blocks, and Michael Sweeney and Rachel Cardwell, Tacoma Arts Commission.

Ms. Munkberg provided an overview of ArtFull Tacoma, including Tacoma 2025 focus areas and framework goals, project mandate, feedback received and best practices. Mr. Sweeney discussed current programs and services. Ms. McBride concluded by discussing strategies and initiatives, including grow and sustain the creative economy; promote equity, diversity, and inclusiveness through the arts; use public art to create active, accessible, and welcoming public places; strengthen Tacoma's creative ecosystem; and optimize performance and capacity of arts programming, services, and operations.

Council Member Woodards arrived here, at 1:33 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the economic impact of arts programs, art in public right-of-way, strategy to bring the Andy Warhol project to the Tacoma Dome, support for strategies and initiatives, art equity, art utilized in the Pride Festival, and performance metrics.

3. [16-0658](#) Council Consideration Request - Sister Cities Program Assessment and Strategic Plan

At approximately 1:46 p.m., Mayor Strickland presented a Council Consideration Request relative to completing a program assessment and strategic plan development for the Sister Cities Program.

Discussion ensued regarding support for the request.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Woodards discussed bringing a proposed substitute for Ordinance No. 28367. She stated the substitute would request reporting for the number of recycled paper bags purchased, in order to collect data on revenue received and the effectiveness of the ordinance.

Discussion ensued regarding the differences between the proposed substitute ordinances. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli and Chief Deputy City Attorney Chris Bacha discussed the sequence in which each substitute will be brought forward at tonight's Council meeting. Council Member Lonergan discussed combining two of the proposed substitutes.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [16-0654](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, July 7, 2016

At approximately 2:19 p.m., T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated there is one proclamation on tonight's agenda, proclaiming Friday, July 15, 2016 as Sister Cities International Day and that staff is requesting that Ordinance No. 28370, related to modifications to the Biennial Budget, be amended by substituting Exhibits A and B, due to no longer requiring additional debt service appropriations.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk