



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

May 24, 2016

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Present: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Briefing Items

1. [16-0463](#) Proposed Pierce County Behavioral Health Hospital

At approximately 12:06 p.m., Lois Bernstein, MultiCare Health System, and Rich Petrich, CHI Franciscan Health, provided information relative to a proposed behavioral health hospital being built in Pierce County and introduced the following representatives from the Alliance for South Sound Behavioral Health Coalition:

Bill Weyerhaeuser, PhD, Sequoia Foundation
Nancy Backus, City of Auburn
Mark Martinez, Pierce County Building and Construction Trades Council
Lua Pritchard, Asia Pacific Cultural Center
Maya Richman, Student, University of Puget Sound
Laurie Jenkins, State Representative, District 27
Denny Hunthausen, Catholic Community Services
Loren Cohen, Point Ruston, LLC
Scott Thompson, CHI Franciscan Health

They discussed background information, cost of the hospital, location, scope of services, fundraising efforts, reach of mental and behavioral health issues, funding provided by neighboring cities, community needs, community benefits and concluded by requesting \$1,500,000 from the City to help fund the hospital. Discussion ensued regarding the mental health sales tax, support for the proposed hospital, size of the coalition, cost and workforce.

2. [16-0464](#) Six-Year Financial Forecast and Financial Report through First Quarter 2016

At approximately 12:44 p.m., Andy Cherullo, Finance Director, provided an overview of current economic conditions, including economic background, unemployment rate, labor participation rate, employment by industry, per capita personal income, Pierce County personal income, retail sales, gas prices, median home prices, building permits, interest rates, consumer confidence, and Washington State exports; and concluded by summarizing the positives and negatives of current economic conditions.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding wages, underemployment, data captured in the labor participation rate, variables to reduction in goods exported and the Gini coefficient.

Tadd Wille, Budget Director, provided an overview of the 2017 to 2022 General Fund forecast, including revenue assumptions, revenues, expenditure assumptions, expenditures, projected expenses, deferred maintenance and other items, other considerations, other funds, and concluded by summarizing economic conditions, fiscal outlook, and next steps. Mr. Wille continued by discussing 2017-2018 budget development, including City Council and City Manager priorities, community input, and calendar of events. Mr. Wille then reviewed the 2015 year end and first quarter 2016 financials, including 2015 year end summary, General Fund revenue variance, General Fund expenditure variance, General Fund supported funds, budget/finance condition summary, and mid-year budget adjustments.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding revenue assumptions, exemptions, and a feasibility study related to wellness and a municipal clinic.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Lonergan stated that he and the Sister City delegation from Fouzhou, China, are working towards an agreement on establishing a joint committee to formalize the partnership between the City of Tacoma and the City of Fouzhou.

Committee Reports

Council Member Ibsen stated the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) met last week and were briefed on the various projects that local municipalities are applying for.

Council Member Lonergan provided information relative to last week's PCRC meeting and a jobfest recently hosted by WorkForce Central.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [16-0465](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, May 19, 2016

T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated there is one presentation on tonight's agenda, a presentation from State Farm Insurance to Summer Jobs 253, and there are no known changes to tonight's agenda at this time.

Executive Session - Real Estate Negotiations and Potential Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to 42.30.110(1)(c) to discuss real estate negotiations, not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Thoms

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:55 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli was present.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

Executive Session - Real Estate Negotiations and Potential Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 30 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Thoms

The Council convened to Executive Session at 2:10 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli and Deputy City Attorney Jean Homan were present.

The Executive Session was extended by 10 minutes at 2:40 p.m., 2:50 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 3:10 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk