



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

August 15, 2017

12:00 PM

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### Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:10 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and McCarthy

Council Member McCarthy arrived at 12:15 p.m.

### Briefing Items

1. [17-0817](#) Livable City Year Projects in Tacoma

At approximately 12:11 p.m., Tanisha Jumper, Management Analyst, City Manager's Office, provided the background information of the Livable City Year program and introduced Steve Atkinson, Senior Planner, Jennifer Otten, Co-Founder and Co-Director, and Teri Thompson Randall, Program Manager, University of Washington (UW). Ms. Otten presented a Livable City Year video made by the UW students and provided information relative to the program, including what is a Livable City Year, vision, City partnership with UW, and the national model.

Council Member McCarthy arrived here, at 12:15 p.m.

Ms. Otten then provided information on how it works, including outreach for the City partner, scope and lifecycle of work, what the program provides to the City, scale of engagement, and funding. Ms. Otten continued providing information on being a part of Livable City Year, benefits to the City, students, faculty, and private sector involvement, and the Livable City Year program contact information. Mr. Atkinson noted the goal is to benefit the Tacoma 2025 plan and reviewed the staff proposal, project areas, broad participation, and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding the impacts on residents, tangible outcomes, deliverables for residents, inclusion of

homelessness and affordable housing, and the need for sharing UW’s data for the neighborhood mapping process.

**Other Items of Interest**

Council Member Lonergan stated his concerns regarding the Public Asset Mapping Council Consideration Request (CCR), introduced on August 8, 2017 at the City Council study session meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the purpose, main goal, the need for the Joint Municipal Action Committee to provide a presentation, and the need for mainly focusing on affordable housing.

[17-0852](#)

Proposal Amendment - Resolution No. 39783

Council Member McCarthy presented a proposed amendment to Resolution No. 39783 to fund 24-hour Tacoma Fire Department engine staffing on the Tide Flats as of October 2017, until Fire Station 5 can become fully operational. Deputy Mayor Thoms stated this amendment will help with the response time and provide safety for the residents.

Discussion ensued regarding the support of the Port of Tacoma, effective date, budget for the overtime personnel, funding source for the operational costs, the concern for using the reserves, and shift schedule.

[17-0850](#)

Council Consideration Request - Rules of Procedure of the Council

Council Member McCarthy provided an explanation for introducing a conversational CCR and stated the CCR is requesting to amend the Rules of Procedure of the City Council to add a rule indicating that no Council Member will directly influence or interfere with the work of a citizen Committee, Board, or Commission without a vote of the full Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the correspondence, facts, interpretation of the language, appropriate use of emails, and the need for addressing the CCR at the Government Performance and Finance Committee meeting.

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Council Member McCarthy stated his concern for a resolution regarding the Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) Director, including the process, transparency, and language. He concluded by stating the desired expectations in the new TPU Director.

Discussion ensued regarding the functions and processes of the Human Resources Department, legality, the City Charter, the need for General Government and TPU to work closely together, expectations when

searching for the new TPU Director, and outcome of the Public Utility Board meeting.

## Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports given.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

2. [17-0818](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, August 10, 2017

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are no ceremonials and there is one anticipated amendment to Resolution No. 39783.

## Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a and b) to discuss labor 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 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker  
Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Blocker

## Executive Session - Pending and Potential Litigation

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending and potential litigation, not to exceed 15 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker  
Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Blocker

The Council convened to Closed Session at 2:05 p.m.

The Closed Session was extended by 5 minutes at 2:20 p.m.

The Closed Session concluded and the Council convened to Executive Session at 2:25 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre was present.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk