



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

September 10, 2013

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:06 p.m.

Present: 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Council Member Mello participated telephonically.

Briefing Items

1. **13-0075** Tacoma Employees Retirement System Update

Mayor Strickland announced the first study session topic is an update on the Tacoma Employees Retirement System (TERS). Monica Butler, Retirement Director, provided an overview of the function of the Board of Administration, mandatory participation, defined benefits, and defined contribution. Ms. Butler also reviewed the TERS investment performance and strategy, and contribution rates. Discussion ensued regarding contribution rates.
2. **13-0076** Automated Agenda

Mayor Strickland announced the second study session topic is the automated agenda. Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant to the City Manager, provided background information on the new process to automate the City Council agenda. Wendy Fowler, City Clerk's Office, reviewed project goals, organization and public benefits of Granicus, Inc., agenda access, and future steps. Ms. Fowler then provided a preview of the new automated agenda process. Discussion ensued regarding the accessibility of topics of interest within the new layout.
3. **13-0077** Shoreline Master Program Community Meeting Update

Mayor Strickland announced the next study session topic is the Shoreline Master Program community meeting update. Peter Huffman, Planning and Development Services (PDS), provided opening remarks. Stephen Atkinson, PDS, reviewed recent conversations from public meetings and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), regarding

S-6/7 Schuster Parkway Transition District required changes, response options, and proposed alternatives. He then read the vision and intent statement from Ecology. Kim Van Zwalenburg, Ecology Regional Planner, reviewed existing water use, and submittal timelines. Mayor Strickland requested a copy of the language regarding vision and intent for the Council. Discussion ensued regarding the language put forth by Ecology and proposed alternatives.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Agenda Review

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated there will be two proclamations; one proclaiming September as Attendance Awareness Month, and the second declaring September 8-14, 2013 as National Assisted Living Week. He then stated Ordinance No. 28171 may be removed from the agenda, and Resolution No. 38725 may be continued to a date to be determined, both at the request of staff. Mr. Broadnax noted there will be Citizens' Forum tonight.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk