



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

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August 03, 2021

12:00 PM

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Conference Room 16

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Hunter

Deputy Mayor Blocker and Council Member Thoms participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [21-0749](#) Systems Transformation

At approximately 12:04 p.m., City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented an update on systems transformation, including new items, noting an Association of Washington Cities equity in budgeting workshop; PEACE and reconciliation meetings; racial equity action plans; racial equity training for committees, boards, and commissions; a retention strategies team; recruitment of a new Human Resources Director; the supervisor policy learning program update; the Tacoma Police Department (TPD) Crime Analysis Unit; legislation-related TPD policy updates; updates; and short- and long-range timelines, noting that a new interactive timeline will be available soon.

Discussion ensued regarding Council Member meetings with the National Network for Safe Communities, TPD policies related to Washington House Bill 1055, updates on 21st Century Policing recommendations and timelines, feedback, the TPD staffing study matrix, budget modifications, and a suggestion for the City Council to send a letter requesting clarity from the Washington State Attorney General's Office on recent legislation.

Other Items of Interest

2. [21-0750](#) Manuel Ellis Investigation Update

Fred Scruggs, Assistant Chief, TPD, presented an update on the Manuel Ellis investigation, including interview status, and information requested from the Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office and the Washington State Attorney General's Office.

Discussion ensued regarding the timeline and delays.

2a. [21-0757](#) Second Amended Emergency Rule No. 1 - Capacity of Council Chambers

Mayor Woodards presented a proposed resolution for a second amendment to Emergency Proclamation Rule No. 1 to increase the capacity in Council Chambers to 50 percent, or 72 people, and stated a motion may be considered at tonight's meeting to add this item to the agenda. She further requested that Council Members delay holding hybrid standing committee meetings until September 2021, to provide additional time for staff to prepare for both in-person and virtual meeting options.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [21-0751](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, July 29, 2021

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are no ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, and that a motion is expected to be brought forward related to amending Emergency Proclamation Rule No. 1.

Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that today is Primary Election Day, and tonight is National Night Out.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk