



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

June 05, 2018

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:15 p.m.

Present: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Briefing Items

1. [18-0534](#) Ballot Measure Request from “Tacoma Creates” to Expand Arts, Heritage, Science, and Cultural Experiences

At approximately 12:15 p.m., Tanya Durand, Executive Director, Children’s Museum of Tacoma, introduced Kimberly Keith, Executive Director, Hilltop Artists; Michael Mirra, Executive Director, Tacoma Housing Authority; Shon Sylvia, Executive Director, Metro Parks; and Eric Wilson, President and CEO, Graduate Tacoma. Ms. Durand made opening remarks and provided a summary of Tacoma Creates, including what it is, investing in Tacoma, how they leverage their investments, equity and access, and the cost to the community. Ms. Keith described the potential of what Tacoma Creates can do, noting extend education opportunities, expand access to cultural events, create new neighborhood resources, and boost Tacoma's economy; the Tacoma Creates administration; and who Tacoma Creates is supported by. Mr. Sylvia, Mr. Mirra, and Mr. Wilson shared their reasonings of supporting Tacoma Creates.

Discussion ensued regarding providing more specifics on what Tacoma Creates will do and the work around the oversight committee that will administer the funds, equity, eligibility criteria, the increase of taxes, partnerships with school districts, communication of the benefits to the community, investing in prevention and resources for public safety in neighborhoods, and transportation access and reducing barriers.

2. [18-0545](#) 2018 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code

At approximately 1:01 p.m., Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, Planning and Development Services (PDS), made opening remarks and provided an overview of the 2018 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code, including seven issues, and introduced Steve Atkinson, Principal Planner, PDS. Mr. Atkinson reviewed the proposed revisions, noting applications that were and were not recommended for adoption; the applications reviewed were vehicle service and repair: outdoor storage, South 80th Street planned development business district rezone, Transportation Master Plan amendments, Open Space Corridors Phase 1, plan and code cleanups, car wash uses in neighborhood centers, and commercial view sensitive height methodology. Mr. Atkinson concluded on the health, equity, and sustainability analysis; outreach; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the vehicle service and repair: outdoor storage, South 80th Street planned development business district rezone, and the commercial view sensitive height methodology.

Other Items of Interest

Mayor Woodards stated tonight the Council will appoint the new Tacoma Public Utility Board (PUB) Member and informed that she may be bringing forward a motion to look at establishing designated expertise positions on the PUB, or will discuss it and bring forward a motion in the future. She stated the Council still makes the decision on who is appointed, and this would make sure that all groups were represented on the PUB and the establishment of the positions would not affect the current Board.

Discussion ensued regarding the PUB appointment and the establishment of designated positions on the Board.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [18-0544](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, May 31, 2018

City Manager Pauli stated there is one proclamation and one recognition at tonight's meeting, proclaiming June 2018 as Walk Tacoma Month and recognizing the 80th Anniversary of the Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community, and there will be an expected recognition, recognizing the Hilltop Action Coalition, subject to Council's approval of it being added to the agenda.

Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen 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 Mello.

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

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Executive Session - Review Qualifications of a Candidate

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the qualifications of a candidate, not to exceed 20 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

The Council convened to Closed Session at 1:50 p.m.

The Closed Session concluded at 2:05 p.m.

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

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

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk