



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

August 22, 2017

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Present: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Briefing Items

1. [17-0864](#) Puyallup Land Claims Settlement Agreement

At approximately 12:07 p.m., John Bell, legal counsel, Puyallup Tribe of Indians (Tribe), introduced Robb Hunter, Char Naylor, and Andrew Strobel. Mr. Bell made opening remarks and provided information regarding the Puyallup Indian Tribal Land Claims Settlement agreement between the Tribe and 11 other entities, including the historical background, glossary of the agreement, technical documents, 1873 survey area, and negotiation history. He then provided information on the context of the settlement, including what the Tribe has received from the agreement, and what the non-Indian parties have received. He continued reviewing the procedures and processes, including the land use decision and consultation, fisheries impact dispute resolution, and clarification of law enforcement responsibilities. He concluded by presenting a photocopy of the signed agreement.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for learning and working together with the Tribe, clarification on land use consultation, Tribe inclusion and participation, resources for fisheries protection, and the need for a presentation on fisheries protection.

2. [17-0862](#) Emergency Temporary Aid and Sheltering Three-Phase Approach Update

At approximately 12:46 p.m., Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager, made opening remarks, thanked the staff, and provided a brief overview of the background and process information regarding the City's Emergency Temporary Aid and Sheltering, including the three-phase approach and City Council approved plan.

Jeff Jenkins, Assistant Director, Public Works, thanked the Tacoma Police Department for the enforcement and reviewed the mitigation and stabilization phases, additional amenities, location and key metrics of the mitigation site, noting the majority of the citizens from the mitigation site have been moved over to the stabilization site, also known as the temporary transitional center.

Tory Green, Deputy Fire Chief, provided information on the key metrics of the stabilization site and noted the lessons learned.

Shawn Gustason, Assistant Police Chief, provided information on the Council actions since the emergency declaration and ongoing enforcement efforts.

Tadd Wille, Assistant City Manager, provided statistics and demographics at the stabilization site, including an entry and exit summary, age, gender, race, education, income, disabilities, survivor of domestic violence, future housing plans, service provider visits, and homeless sites throughout the City.

Ms. Pauli reviewed the community engagement and feedback, and recognized a self-directed group, "We the People", and the owner of a service station providing two hours of employment and food per week to the homeless. She then provided information on the lessons learned, initial and updated recommendations, original plan and approved budget, revised plan and projected budget, set-up versus ongoing costs, and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding barriers, permanent supportive housing, housing referrals, reporting of encampments, weather protection, City partners' input and feedback, self-government participation, appreciating support from the residents, managing services, affordable housing options for families facing homelessness, and impacts and outcomes of the human habitation of vehicle and unlawful camping laws.

Discussion continued regarding social service assistance, the need for providing a list of programs available to homeless with disabilities, the need for providing the number of residents who reported encampments, partnership with the Dome District, expediting the transitional phase to permanent supportive housing, increasing capacity, cost control, the need for

broadening partners and efforts to provide more opportunities for the homeless, the need for identifying a reasonable timeline, whereabouts of the homeless during the day who utilize the encampments, and the need for a homelessness prevention plan.

Mayor Strickland called on Connie Brown, Executive Director, Tacoma Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium, to speak on sustainable housing.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [17-0863](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, August 17, 2017

City Manager Pauli stated there are no ceremonials or any expected changes to tonight's agenda.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk