



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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**July 23, 2024**

**12:00 PM**

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### Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Hines called the study session to order at 12:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

Mayor Woodards arrived at 12:18 p.m. and participated virtually.

### Briefing Items

1. [24-0789](#)

Tacoma Smelter Plume Update

[Dana de Leon, Assistant Division Manager, Environmental Services; Marian Abbett, Sarah Miller, and Justin Zakoren, Department of Ecology]

At approximately 12:01 p.m., Dana de Leon, Assistant Division Manager, Environmental Sciences, provided opening remarks on the Tacoma Smelter Plume and introduced Marian Abbett, Project Manager; Sarah Miller, Outreach Coordinator; and Justin Zakoren, Remediation Manager, Department of Ecology. Together, Abbett, Miller, and Zakoren presented an overview of Tacoma Smelter Plume; health risks from arsenic and lead; ways to get exposed; healthy actions; breakdown on the Smelter Plume settlement, noting amount for cleanup and outreach and how funds have been spent; Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department outreach and education, including working with residents to cover bare patches of soil and community gardens; and yard program service area, noting arsenic sampling results, 2024 results, and soil replacement.

Mayor Woodards arrived here, at 12:18 p.m.

They concluded with prioritizing cleanup, noting locations outside and inside the study area; dirt alert map; and technical assistance, including sustainable solutions to new residents, development, and outreach.

Discussion ensued regarding number of qualifying homes; water contamination, including sediment cleanup; specific health actions; planning and construction timeframe for yard replacement; community outreach; treatment of waste water, surface water, and soil; dog park cleanup; yard restoration; contracting process, noting equity in contracting companies; Seller Disclosure Statement, noting informational options to new homeowners and requirements; sampling kits; home inspection possibilities; cleanup options for homes in the 21-100 parts per million levels; State Environmental Policy Act trigger level; and future funding.

2. [24-0791](#)

Equity Index Update

[Jacques Colon, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of Strategy]

At approximately 12:59 p.m., Jacques Colon, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of Strategy, provided an update on the Equity Index and introduced Rebecca Solverson, Arts Program Administrator, Community and Economic Development, and Liz Kaster, Principal Transportation Services Analyst, Public Works. Together, Colon, Solverson, and Kaster presented an overview; Equity Index map, noting accessibility, livability, education, economy, and environmental health categories; purpose; update and improvements; collection of case studies, noting Tacoma is becoming the national leader in this work; interactive story map, including relationship between legacy of redlining and communities of color and Equity Index map; introduction for the case studies; overlaying data for an early analysis; resource prioritization; locations for public art; outreach and engagement, noting increasing access to life saving CPR; policy development and partner spotlight; continuous uses, including criteria in facilities scoring, language access, and applying for grants; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for staff and case study presentations; future of the Equity Index and potential uses; creative economy data into Geographic Information System data overlay; expansion of public art; other jurisdictional uses, including Pierce Transit; national leaders in equitable work; updating data points, noting the two-year rule; communication and prioritization of high opportunity areas; learning data for action tools, including snapshots over time; and metrics for feedback and outcomes.

## 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. [24-0792](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, July 18, 2024  
[Hyun Kim, Acting City Manager]

Acting City Manager Hyun Kim stated there are two ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, proclaiming July 31-August 5, 2024, as Power Paddle to Puyallup Youth Canoe Journey Week and proclaiming July 2024 as Disability Pride Month. He concluded by stating no changes are expected to tonight's agenda and tonight's meeting includes community forum.

## Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.



for Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Nicole Emery, City Clerk