



City of Tacoma

Committee of the Whole Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers
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October 18, 2022
3:00 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

Call To Order

Mayor Woodards called the special meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Woodards
Absent: 2 - Blocker and Daniels

Council Member Daniels arrived at 3:19 p.m.

Council Member Blocker arrived at 3:22 p.m.

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Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 3:19 p.m.

Briefing Item

1. [22-1108](#) State Legislative Agenda Council Feedback and Direction

At approximately 3:19 p.m., Rosa McLeod, Government Relations Analyst, City Manager's Office, presented the Washington State legislative agenda, including the agenda development timeline and overview; and introduced Briahna Murray, Vice President, Gordon Thomas Honeywell.

Council Member Blocker arrived here, at 3:22 p.m.

McLeod and Murray continued by reviewing the 2023 Washington State legislative session and legislative agenda recommendations related to behavioral health system and vulnerable populations; police transformation and public safety; transportation improvements and preservation; climate action; the downtown main library; equitable fiscal structure; the Northwest Immigration and Customs Enforcement Processing Center; affordable housing, permanent supportive housing, and shelter; and fire stations. McLeod and Murray continued by

summarizing the City's legislative agenda, noting the goal to identify the top three to five legislative priorities, and the City Council's commitment to advocate and prioritize items on the agenda; highlights of the City's support, oppose, and monitor list; and the City's community partners.

Discussion ensued regarding the City's support, oppose, and monitor list; housing and homelessness, noting the Home in Tacoma Project, local control, homelessness, shelter needs, the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption Program, senior housing, Black homeownership, and affordable housing; coordination with community partners, noting Metro Parks Tacoma, and additional groups that should be listed; social equity in the cannabis industry, noting redistributing revenues to communities of color; graffiti removal; biosolids regulation; domestic violence and sexual assault; community courts; the landlord maintenance fund; land use reform and annexations; system development charges; transportation in the Tacoma Mall area; psychedelic drugs; the role of Council Members in supporting the legislative agenda and setting priorities; accessibility of legislative meetings and hearings, noting equity and the benefit of hybrid format meetings; behavioral health; law enforcement academy training; Tacoma as a leader; leadership changes in the legislature; climate commitments; supporting small businesses; election reform; and appreciation for staff and consultants.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the special meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk