



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

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January 11, 2022

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [22-0029](#) Neighborhood Planning Program Update

At approximately 12:04 p.m., Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, Planning and Development Services (PDS), presented an update on the pilot Neighborhood Planning Program, including background, noting creation of the program in 2021, and the geographic focus as directed by the City Council; the needs that the program addresses; and introduced Lauren Hoogkamer, Principal Planner, and Anneka Olson, Senior Planner, PDS. Ms. Hoogkamer reviewed alignment with internal and external partners and other planning efforts; program overview; objectives; outreach, noting community partners and experts, and engagement strategies; an outline of the plan; example implementation strategies; and implementation partners. Ms. Olson reviewed the program process; the McKinley Program, noting that a kickoff event and virtual plan-a-thon will be held on February 3, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom; and next steps, noting Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee review and input, and that information is available on the City website at cityoftacoma.org/NeighborhoodPlanning.

Discussion ensued regarding differentiation and coordination with other programs and goals, noting Vision Zero, the Home in Tacoma Project, and affordable housing; neighborhood grants and participatory budgeting; engagement, noting targeted communications, equitable participation, and connecting with grassroots organizations and other trusted groups and individuals in the community; the pilot project locations, noting unique

conditions and how they were selected; program goals and initial budget allocation; providing additional details to the new Council Members; asking residents what they want their neighborhood to look like; the Cushman/Adams substation area; the purpose of the pilot project to provide planning in mixed-use centers (MUCs) that is faster and less expensive than the subarea planning process; addressing community concerns; non-traditional MUCs, noting Pacific Avenue, Hosmer Street, and other areas; appreciation for staff; building expectations in the community; and next steps.

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

- 2. [22-0031](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, January 6, 2022

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are four ceremonials on tonight’s meeting agenda, proclaiming Monday, January 17, 2022, as Martin Luther King Jr. Day; proclaiming January 2022 as National Mentoring Month; a Compassionate Tacoma recognition for Will Hausa, Director, Waterversity; and an update on systems transformation. She concluded by stating that Community Forum will be held during tonight’s meeting, and that no changes are expected to the agenda.

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Mike Ake, Interim Chief, Tacoma Police Department, provided an update on the Manuel Ellis investigation, including that a sufficiency review is underway on the investigations of the three involved officers, to determine if all information has been gathered so a recommendation can be made.

Executive Session - Pending Litigation and Review the Qualifications of a Public Employee

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to convene to an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to discuss pending litigation and to review the qualifications of a public employee, not to exceed 30 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 12:50 p.m. Bill Fosbre, City Attorney, and Chris Bacha, Chief Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office, were present.

The Executive Session was extended by 20 minutes at 1:23 p.m., and by 10 minutes at 1:43 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 1:56 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk