



# City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

October 01, 2019

12:00 PM

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## Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

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

## Briefing Items

1. [19-1044](#) Tacoma Permit Advisory Task Force Update

At approximately 12:08 p.m., Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services (PDS), made opening remarks and introduced Jim Doogan, Chair, and Ben Ferguson, Co-Chair, Tacoma Permit Advisory Task Force. Mr. Doogan presented the purpose and goals, guiding principles, participation guidelines, Task Force strategy, program format, Task Force topics, Task Force meetings, agenda format, topic evaluation, examples of off-site improvements, results, next steps and partnerships, Task Force comments, and final comments.

Discussion ensued regarding work completed by the Task Force, improvements to the permitting process, long-term solutions, and continued growth.

2. [19-1051](#) Tideflats Interim Regulations Reauthorization

At approximately 12:57 p.m., Steve Atkinson, Principal Planner, PDS, presented the proposed Tideflats Interim Regulations reauthorization, including background; issues, noting non-industrial uses, residential encroachment, expanded notice, and heavy industrial use restrictions; the Tideflats Subarea Plan; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the South Tacoma Manufacturing and

Industrial Center, public outreach, and the creation of a frequently asked questions page for information on the Tideflats and past work.

**Other Items of Interest**

- 3. [19-1052](#) City Manager Competencies Card Sort

Mayor Woodards stated that the Committee of the Whole meeting of October 8, 2019 will include a card sort related to the City Manager's performance, and asked that the Council Members review the information regarding the City Manager's job description in preparation.

- 4. [19-1053](#) Services and Funding for Gun Violence Prevention and Intervention

Deputy City Manager Tadd Wille provided an update on the services and funding for gun violence prevention and intervention.

Discussion ensued regarding efforts from different departments and consolidating those reports for a more cohesive update.

- 5. [19-1054](#) Council Consideration Request - Resolution Opposing Initiative 976

Mayor Woodards presented a Council Consideration Request to oppose Initiative 976, which would limit annual license fees for vehicles to \$30, repeal transportation benefit district fees, and repeal the authorization for certain regional transit authorities like Sound Transit to impose motor vehicle excise taxes.

- 6. [19-1069](#) Council Consideration Request - Funding Support for Día de los Muertos Celebration

Council Member Ushka presented a Council Consideration Request for \$5,000 to support the Día de los Muertos celebration of the Calavera Collective and the Eastside Collaborative.

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Mayor Woodards stated that the City has been invited to sign onto an amicus brief related to the September 2017 announcement by the Department for Homeland Security that would revoke Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and that she planned to sign on.

Council Member Blocker stated that he was introducing an amendment to the portion of Ordinance No. 28615 regarding tent structures to postpone enforcement by 60 days.

Discussion ensued regarding options and resources available for those experiencing homelessness, the tiny house program in Seattle, starting a tiny house program in Tacoma, and keeping the public updated on the City's actions.

## **Committee Reports**

There were no Committee reports given.

## **Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report**

7. [19-1055](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, September 26, 2019

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are three proclamations on tonight's agenda, proclaiming October 2019 as Walk and Roll to School Month, Italian Cultural Heritage Month, and National Community Planning Month. She further stated that the only expected change to tonight's agenda is the amendment to Ordinance No. 28615 that was addressed earlier in the meeting.

## **Adjournment**

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk