



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

February 21, 2017

12:00 PM

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### Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Thoms called the study session to order at 12:05 p.m.

**Present:** 6 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

**Absent:** 3 - Lonergan, McCarthy and Mayor Strickland

Council Member Lonergan arrived at 12:08 p.m., and

Council Member McCarthy arrived at 12:19 p.m.

### Briefing Items

1. [17-0208](#) Washington State Legislative Updates

At approximately 12:06 p.m., Randy Lewis, Government Relations Officer, presented legislative updates related to the status of City bills of interest, including House Bill (HB) 1495, which provides a local tax incentive for commercial office space.

Council Member Lonergan arrived here, at 12:08 p.m.

Mr. Lewis continued discussing City bills of interest, including HB 1114, which restores a leasehold tax exemption for the Tacoma Dome; HB 1570 and Senate Bill (SB) 5254, which create a permanent document recording fee surcharge, and increases the fee to \$90; HB 2006, which eliminates the non-supplant rule in certain local revenues; HB 1577, which extends the sales tax break for the LeMay Museum for five additional years; and HB 1529 and SB 5073, which implement recommendations of a police use of force study.

Council Member McCarthy arrived here, at 12:19 p.m.

Mr. Lewis continued by discussing HB 1298 and SB 5312, requiring statewide implementation of ban-the-box; HB 1740, which extends the authority to use planned actions in transit-oriented development; SB 5116, which allows the cities of Tacoma, Seattle, and Spokane to voluntarily elect the Washington State Investment Board to manage municipal pension investments; HB 1681

and SB 5215, which provide for a 1/10th sales tax credit for Pierce County annexations with populations over 1,500; and HB 1594 and HB 1595, related to amendments to the Public Records Act. Mr. Lewis concluded by discussing upcoming dates.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the proposed LeMay Museum tax break, planned actions, document recording fees, and Model Toxics Cleanup Account financing.

## Other Items of Interest

Deputy Mayor Thoms stated a resolution will be brought forward next Tuesday, February 28, 2017, assigning Council Members to various local and regional committees, boards, and commissions.

### 17-0224

Draft Council Consideration Request - Location of Utility Poles on North 21st Street

Council Member McCarthy presented a draft Council Consideration Request (CCR) directing the City Manager to require that North 21st Street is designed to preserve at least three vehicle lanes of travel to accommodate current and future traffic.

Discussion ensued regarding when the CCR will be brought forward to a City Council meeting, bringing the topic back to a future presentation at study session, and timeline.

## Committee Reports

Council Member Mello stated he and Mayor Strickland will be participating in an all-day retreat for the Pierce Transit Board where the future of Pierce Transit will be discussed and that they have been advocating for a low-income fare to better support low-income riders.

Council Member Campbell provided information relative to adding an alternate member to the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center Executive Board.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

2. 17-0209 Weekly Report to the City Council, February 16, 2017

Elizabeth Pauli, Interim City Manager, stated there are no proclamations, recognitions, changes or announcements on tonight's agenda.

## **Closed Session - Labor Negotiations**

**MOTION:** Council Member Mello moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a and b) to discuss labor negotiations, not to exceed 15 minutes.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Campbell.

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Strickland

The Council convened to Closed Session at 12:56 p.m.

The Closed Session was extended by 10 minutes at 1:11 p.m., 1:21 p.m., and 1:31 p.m.

The Closed Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:41 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

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Robert Thoms, Deputy Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk