



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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September 26, 2023

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Walker called the study session to order at 12:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Blocker, Daniels, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 4 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines and Mayor Woodards

Council Member Diaz arrived at 12:04 p.m. and Council Member Hines arrived at 1:19 p.m.

Council Member Ushka participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [23-0938](#) Home In Tacoma Project Phase 2 Update

At approximately 12:02 p.m, Brain Boudet, Division Manager, Planning and Development Services (PDS), provided a brief introduction to the Home in Tacoma Phase 2 update, revised project schedule, and objectives.

Council Member Diaz arrived here, at 12:04 p.m.

Elliott Barnett, Senior Planner, PDS, presented the zoning framework, noting proposed “Urban Residential” zones, housing types, and draft zoning districts density; building scale, noting housing development that is reasonably compatible with residential patterns, setbacks and building separation, height, proposed floor area ratio, and examples; use of space, noting parking, amenity spaces, tree credits concept, and trees within the three zones; bonuses program, noting approach, introduction, affordability and public benefit; and discussion topics for the Council.

Discussion ensued regarding critical areas code; ownership opportunities, noting unit lot subdivision code; trees in right-of-ways; Transfer Development Rights program; floor area ratio, noting desirability, incentives,

relationship to building code, and balance of space; spacing between buildings; guidelines for structure entrances; bonuses and cost to the City; incentives for starter homes and ownership; single family housing allowed and encouraged in all zones; parking and transit routes; structural limitations; market feasibility; bike racks and electronic vehicle charging requirements; demolition prevention; and historic structures.

Other Items of Interest

2. [23-0939](#) Council Consideration Request - Racial Equity Toolkit

Council Member Hines arrived here, at 1:19 p.m.

Council Member Diaz presented a Council Consideration Request for a resolution to direct the City Manager to create a racial equity toolkit for special events for community use as a public education tool, noting this toolkit should be shared with the public in strategic locations so individuals seeking event funding or event planning information from the City have access and can utilize it to increase racial equity at their events. She concluded by stating the tools provided should align with scoring mechanisms for our special event funding grants.

Discussion ensued regarding thanking Council Member Diaz for bringing this forward, next steps, accessibility, and requirements.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [23-0940](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, September 21, 2023

Deputy City Manager Kurtis Kingsolver stated there are four proclamations on tonight's meeting agenda, proclaiming Tuesday, September 26, 2023, as Chronic Disease Day, proclaiming October 2-8, 2023, as Week Without Driving, proclaiming October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and proclaiming October 2023 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. He concluded by stating there are no expected changes to tonight's agenda and that tonight's meeting includes community forum.

Executive Session - Pending and Potential Litigation

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to convene to an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending and potential litigation, not to exceed 30 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

The City Council convened to executive session at 1:36 p.m.
Chief Deputy City Attorney Chris Bacha was present.

The executive session concluded, and the study session reconvened,
at 2:05 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk