



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

April 28, 2015

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Present: 5 - Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 4 - Campbell, Thoms, Walker and Woodards

Council Member Walker arrived at 12:06 p.m., Council Member Thoms arrived at 12:10 p.m., and Council Member Campbell arrived at 12:20 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [15-0429](#)

Legislative Update

Council Member Walker arrived here, at 12:06 p.m.

At approximately 12:06 p.m., Randy Lewis, Government Relations Officer, provided an update on Washington State Legislature House bills (HB) and Senate bills (SB) related to the Bay Street speed camera (HB 1007/SB 5336), local revitalization funding (SB 5249), a Transportation Benefit District fee increase (HB 1757), funding for Sound Transit phase three (HB 1180), and transportation network companies such as Uber and Lyft (SB 5550).

Council Member Thoms arrived here, at 12:10 p.m.

Mr. Lewis continued reviewing legislative bills, including Minimum Wage and Paid Sick and Safe Leave (HB 1355 and HB 1356), Local Government Finance (HB 2157), Medical and Recreational Marijuana (SB 5052), Marijuana Revenue (HB 2136), and Oil by Rail (HB 1449). Mr. Lewis concluded by reviewing the calendar of upcoming legislative dates and reports.

Council Member Campbell arrived here, at 12:20 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding medical and recreational marijuana, collective gardens and enforcement strategy. City Manager, T.C. Broadnax, recommended this be discussed in more detail at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Discussion continued regarding insurance standards for transportation network companies, the oil train bill, and advocacy efforts for the My Brother's Keeper program.

2. [15-0430](#) 2014 Year End and 2015 First Quarter Financial Report

At approximately 12:30 p.m., Tadd Wille, Office of Management and Budget, provided a report of the 2013-2014 Biennium-End, including detailed revenues and expenditures variances for the General Fund and General Fund supported funds. He then gave updates, including re-appropriations and budget amendments and the impact they will have during the next biennium.

Mr. Wille provided updates on other fund re-appropriations, including special revenue funds, transportation capital projects, capital and bond funds, enterprise funds, internal service funds, and other fund amendments. Discussion ensued regarding the paid sick leave program, utility tax revenue, savings with LEOFF 1, Tacoma 24/7, air quality attainment, heritage marketing and budget reserves.

Mayor Strickland requested information regarding partnering with Pierce County for air quality attainment and clarification on how funds would be used in relation to heritage marketing.

Mr. Wille then reviewed the 2015 First Quarter summary, including an update on the General Fund revenues and expenditures; General Fund supported funds, including the Traffic Enforcement Fund, Permit Services Fund, Streets Operations and Engineering Fund, Parking Fund, the Convention Center, Tacoma Dome, and Cheney Stadium; and a first quarter budget and finance condition summary. Discussion ensued regarding the license tab fund.

Tyler Aitken and Christina Watts, Office of Management and Budget, provided an overview of a new tracker implemented this year to report on the progress of initiatives, and reviewed a quarterly report and project status report using the tracker.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [15-0421](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, April 23, 2015

At approximately 1:14 p.m., Mr. Broadnax stated that there is one proclamation on tonight's agenda, proclaiming April 2015 as Vietnamese Journey to Freedom Month in the City of Tacoma. He stated there were no changes to tonight's agenda and no informational items to report.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk