



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

August 27, 2019

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:08 p.m.

Present: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Council Member Ushka participated telephonically.

Briefing Items

1. [19-0926](#) City Council Actions, Regulatory Policies, and Repair and Replacement Strategy

At approximately 12:09 p.m., Katie Johnston, Budget Officer, Finance, made opening remarks and introduced Nick Anderson, Management Analyst II, Finance. Together, they presented the City's capital investment strategy, including a work plan, day 3 agenda, City assets, visualization of the repair and replacement program, problem statement and current challenges of the repair and replacement program, investment and one time funding needs, program scope and vision, the Mile High example, best practices for repair and replacement, prioritization factors, the repair and replacement funding strategy, and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding community building and empowerment, neighborhood equity, public education strategies, and next steps.

2. [19-0927](#) Comprehensive Plan 2019 Amendment

At approximately 12:45 p.m., Steve Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services (PDS), presented the 2019 Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code, including an overview, background, and comment summary. Lihuang Wung, Senior Planner, PDS, presented the Manitou potential annexation area,

including Manitou area zoning options; public comments; R-2 versus R-3; Planning Commission recommendations; and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding public comments received on various sites, the transit center near 56th street, rezoning, the McKinley Mixed-Use Center, proposed changes to the area overlooking the Tacoma Dome, and the types of businesses that would be allowed in the area.

Other Items of Interest

3. [19-0928](#) Puget Sound Regional Council's Draft Vision 2050 Plan

Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager, made opening remarks and introduced Ian Munce, Special Assistant to the Director, PDS. Mr. Munce presented a proposed letter from the City Council to the Puget Sound Regional Council regarding their draft Vision 2050 Plan and requested Council input.

4. [19-0930](#) Council Consideration Request - Firearms and Ammunition Tax for Youth Violence Prevention

Council Member Mello presented a Council Consideration Request for the City Manager to prepare an Ordinance for Council consideration related to a tax on firearms and ammunition to be used for youth violence prevention.

Discussion ensued regarding where funds from the tax would be used, the reasons behind introducing the tax, and other taxes that could be introduced in the future.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

5. [19-0931](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, August 22, 2019

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated that there is one proclamation on tonight's meeting agenda, proclaiming Thursday, August 29, 2019 as Children's Therapy Center Day. She further stated there is one anticipated change to the agenda, the proposed substitute of Ordinance No. 28601.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk