City of Tacoma
City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

October 02, 2018

12:00 PM

Change of Location

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:13 p.m.

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

Absent: 1 - Mello

Briefing Items

1. **18-1125** Youth Council

   At approximately 12:13 p.m., Bucoda Warren, Management Fellow, City Manager's Office, provided introductory remarks, and explained the City's Youth Engagement program, including background of the issues; outreach efforts to date; work completed by a focus group; a recommendation to form a youth-focused task force; and proposed next steps to form and convene the new task force in early 2019.

   Discussion ensued regarding the task force selection process, equity, outreach, and encouraging new people to participate.

2. **18-1164** 2019/2020 Proposed Biennial Budget Presentation

   At approximately 12:20 p.m., Mayor Woodards provided introductory remarks and stated this is the first budget work session for the 2019-2020 budget. Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager, provided an introduction to the proposed 2019-2020 Biennial Budget, including major budget elements; high-level financial overview of the total budget; steps to close the forecasted General Fund gap; one-time and ongoing enhancements; and the budget development process. She reviewed highlights of the proposed budget related to affordable housing, homelessness, public safety, economic development,

transit access, walkability, digital equity, regional coordination, civic engagement, equity, and asset management. She further outlined proposed changes to fees and fines, utility rates, and budget development processes; and concluded with the budget calendar, including presentations, town halls, public hearings, and adoption. She stated budget materials are available on the City's website at budget.cityoftacoma.org.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the scope and proposed expenditures for various items, homelessness stability site costs and plan, effects of deferred maintenance on long-term structural deficits, and the budget process ahead. Mayor Woodards stated the next study session on October 9, 2018 will focus on asset management, walkability, and community development.

Other Items of Interest

3.   **18-1181**   **Letter to the Pierce County Regional Council**

Mayor Woodards presented a proposed letter regarding the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), regarding requested feedback from Council Members before she sends it to PCRC.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4.   **18-1165**   Weekly Report to the City Council, September 27, 2018

City Manager Pauli reviewed tonight's agenda, including two proclamations and one recognition: proclaiming October 2018 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month and Tacoma Arts Month, and recognizing the Kiwanis Club of Tacoma. She noted an expected change to the agenda to move Resolution No. 40122 related to Indigenous Peoples' Day to the start of the meeting, to coincide with a ceremony to install the Puyallup Tribal flag.

Executive Session - Pending and Potential Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110.1(i) to discuss pending and potential litigation, not to exceed 10 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Camarata.

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

   Ayes: 8 -   Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

 Absent: 1 - Mello

The Council convened to Executive Session at 2:03 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre was present. The Executive Session was extended for 10 minutes at 2:13 p.m. The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:23 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk