



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

August 13, 2019

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor McCarthy called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

Item No. 2 was addressed before Item No. 1.

Briefing Items

2. [19-0851](#) Recycling Recommendations

At approximately 12:09 p.m., Mike Slevin, Director, Environmental Services (ES), made opening remarks and introduced Lewis Griffith, Division Manager, ES, and Preston Peck, Project Specialist, ES. Mr. Griffith presented the updated recycling recommendations, including an overview, background, staff recommendations, glass recycling recap, low income surcharge options, and education funding options. Mr. Peck reviewed the community engagement, goals and metrics, and preliminary education budget.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to appoint Council Member Ibsen as the presiding officer for the remainder of the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

Mr. Peck further reviewed the recommendations, including changing the residential curbside glass recycling system, maintaining curbside

commingled recycling with a simplified list, and adding a \$2.82 surcharge for residential customers; and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the impacts of glass recycling, how residents can use the glass recycling drop-off system, options for residents without reliable transportation, glass recycling options in other states, education efforts in the Tacoma School District, the planned fate of recycled materials, markets for various recycled materials, and next steps.

1. [19-0850](#) Comprehensive Plan 2019 Amendment

At approximately 1:17 p.m., Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, Planning and Development Services (PDS), made opening remarks and presented an overview of the 2019 Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code. Steve Atkinson, Principal Planner, PDS, reviewed the amendment; planning and development; community engagement, noting access and methods; future land use implementation, noting land use designations and locations with high community input; the Shoreline Master Program, noting policy focus, the periodic review, and key inputs; historic preservation and preservation code improvements; housing element, noting proposed updates and what they would mean; the Manitou Potential Annexation Area; minor amendments; health, equity, and sustainability; recommendations; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding a Portland Avenue Corridor study and timeline, the Pacific Avenue Corridor study and timeline, and height allowances in various zones.

Other Items of Interest

3. [19-0883](#) South Sound 911 Facility Local Employment Letter

Council Member Hunter presented a draft letter regarding the consideration of local labor in the construction of the new South Sound 911 building.

Discussion ensued regarding getting Council Member's signatures and next steps.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [19-0855](#) **Weekly Report to the City Council**

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there is a recognition on tonight's meeting agenda for the Black Women's Caucus of Washington State, Tacoma chapter. She further stated there are no expected changes to tonight's meeting agenda.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk