



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

February 24, 2015

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Present: 8 - Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Campbell

Briefing Items

1. [15-0189](#) Washington State Department of Ecology Tacoma Smelter Plume Project Update

Amy Hargrove, Washington State Department of Ecology, provided an update on the Tacoma Smelter Plume Yard Program, including an overview and cost of the program, cleanup progress, soil sampling progress, the cleanup schedule for the Cities of Tacoma and Ruston, increased outreach efforts, a database to track arsenic levels in the soil, and a new webpage. He then provided an update on the Soil Safety Program, and information regarding free technical assistance. Discussion ensued regarding whether information is available for the non-English speaking population, cleanup costs, raingardens, cost efficiencies, and remediation limitations.

2. [15-0190](#) Legislative Update

Randy Lewis, Government Relations Officer, provided a status update on Washington State Legislature bills of interest to the City related to the Bay Street speed camera, local revitalization financing, a Transportation Benefit District fee increase, an emergency medical services levy increase, local transportation, Sound Transit funding for Sound Transit 3, transportation network companies such as Uber and Lyft, island annexation, immigrations and customs enforcement, affordable housing and surplus lands, medical marijuana, and single-party annexation. He then reviewed upcoming dates on the legislative calendar and reviewed the Senate transportation package. Discussion ensued regarding property taxes for roads, single-party

annexations, House Bill 1716 related to immigrations and customs enforcement, House Bill 2049 related to affordable housing and surplus land sales, Senate Bill 5052 related to medical marijuana, the status of legislation related to paid sick leave, and the Senate transportation package. Council Member Woodards requested an update on the status of pending legislation related to police body cameras.

Other Items of Interest

Mayor Strickland stated at tonight's City Council meeting the Council will be voting on Resolution No. 39110 to acknowledge the receipt of, accept, and express receptiveness regarding a Notice of Intent to Petition for Annexation concerning the portion of the Point Ruston redevelopment site lying within the City of Ruston. She then asked the Council if there were any questions regarding the resolution. Discussion ensued regarding the Notice of Intent to Petition for Annexation, including next steps for the City if the resolution is adopted, the annexation statute timeframe, whether adopting the resolution obligates the City to proceed with the annexation, and the City of Ruston's options regarding approval of the annexation.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [15-0192](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, February 19, 2015

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated at tonight's Council meeting there will be a proclamation proclaiming February 24, 2015, as World Spay Day in the City of Tacoma, and there are no changes to the published agenda.

Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)(b) to discuss labor negotiations, the session not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Campbell

Executive Sessions - Pending Litigation and City Manager Performance Review

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(l)(i) to discuss pending litigation, the session not to exceed 10 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Campbell

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(l)(g) to discuss the performance of the City Manager, the session not to exceed 45 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Campbell

The Council convened to Closed Session at 1:00 p.m.

The Closed Session was extended for five minutes at 1:15 p.m.

The Closed Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

The Council convened to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at 1:20 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli was present.

The Executive Session to discuss pending litigation concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

The Council convened to Executive Session to discuss the performance of the City Manager at 1:30 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli was present.

The Executive Session to discuss the performance of the City Manager was extended for 15 minutes at 2:15 p.m.

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The Executive Session to discuss the performance of the City Manager concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk