



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

August 04, 2015

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Present: 7 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Mello and Woodards

Council Member Mello arrived at 12:10 p.m.

Briefing Items

3. [15-0563](#) Legislative Updates

At approximately 12:05 p.m., Randy Lewis, Government Relations Officer, presented a legislative update including the status of items supported by the City.

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

Mr. Lewis continued his presentation with budget highlights, a calendar of upcoming legislative dates, and provided a reference document that provides a review of the passage of bills that affect the City. Discussion ensued regarding taxes.

1. [15-0817](#) Root Causes of Health in Tacoma and Pierce County

At approximately 12:21 p.m., Dr. Anthony Chen, Director of Health, and Dr. Jacques Colon, Health Equity Coordinator, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, presented an overview on health and root causes of health inequity in Pierce County. Dr. Chen reviewed community health status indicators versus peer counties, what is improving and getting worse, county health rankings, health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, physical environment, and a county health ranking summary.

Dr. Colon continued the presentation with a health equity assessment, a map showing life expectancy versus poverty level, causes of health inequity, county health rankings, and Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) factors impacting population health.

Dr. Chen continued to review recommendations for action, and gave examples of conditions that will improve health. Discussion ensued regarding life expectancy, identifying inequities, affordable housing, the 5210 program, recommendations for action, and population disbursement and density.

2. [15-0818](#) Dometop Healthy Homes Healthy Neighborhood Project

At approximately 12:53 p.m., Kristi Lynett, Office of Sustainability Manager, presented an overview of the Dometop Healthy Homes, Healthy Neighborhoods Project, including purpose, partners, area served, canvassing results, issues that residents care about, program impact, events, lessons learned, Hilltop neighborhood needs and assets, and a timeline. Discussion ensued regarding the pilot program, health inequity, the Hilltop neighborhood, program alignment, sustainability, and other applications of this successful model.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Committee Reports

Council Member Mello provided a brief update on the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. He stated that the next area of concern that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is focusing on is ozone, and that the EPA will issue a standard, and the City will need to make sure that it is in compliance.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [15-0820](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, July 30, 2015

T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated at tonight's Council Meeting there will be one proclamation, proclaiming August 2-8, 2015 as Farmers Market Appreciation Week. He then stated there are no changes in regards to tonight's agenda.

Executive Session-Director of Utilities Performance Review, Pending/Potential Litigation and Real Estate Negotiations

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to discuss the performance of the Director of Utilities, not to exceed 20 minutes.

SECOND: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Woodards

The Executive Session started at 1:40 p.m., City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli, and Deputy City Attorneys Debra Casparian, and Margaret Elofson were present.

The Executive Session was extended by 15 minutes at 2:00 p.m., 2:15 p.m., and 2:30 p.m., and by five minutes at 2:45 p.m.

The Executive Session ended and the study session was reconvened at 2:50 p.m.

Executive Session-Director of Utilities Performance Review, Pending/Potential Litigation and Real Estate Negotiations

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) to discuss real estate negotiations, not to exceed 10 minutes.

SECOND: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Woodards

The Executive Session started at 3:00 p.m., City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli, and Deputy City Attorneys Debra Casparian, and Margaret Elofson were present.

The Executive Session was extended by 10 minutes at 3:10 p.m.

The Executive Session ended and the study session was reconvened at 3:20 p.m.

Executive Session-Director of Utilities Performance Review, Pending/Potential Litigation and Real Estate Negotiations

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential and/or pending litigation, not to exceed 10 minutes.

SECOND: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Woodards

The Executive Session started at 3:20 p.m., City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli, and Deputy City Attorneys Debra Casparian, and Margaret Elofson were present.

The Executive Session ended and the study session was reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk