



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

July 29, 2014

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

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

Absent: 2 - Ibsen and Mello

Council Member Ibsen arrived at 12:33 p.m. Council Member Mello participated telephonically in the Closed Session at 1:40 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. 14-0664 Equity and Empowerment Budget Planning

Mayor Strickland announced the first study session topic is equity and empowerment budget planning. Assistant City Manager Tansy Hayward provided background information and introduced Julie Nelson, Local and Regional Government Alliance on Race and Equity. Mayor Strickland provided additional background information, including how equity and empowerment initiatives fit into the City's strategic priorities. Ms. Nelson then reviewed objectives, the difference between equity and equality, the definition of racial equity, and the role of government in racial inequities. Discussion ensued regarding the difference between equity and equality.

Ms. Nelson reviewed the racial equity tool, including why it is necessary and how it can be used; the racial equity toolkit; choice points; racial equity assessments; and key process points. She then described how the racial equity tool can be incorporated into the budget cycle and how it can be used for budget issues. Discussion ensued regarding racial designations or classifications.

Council Member Ibsen arrived here, at 12:33 p.m.

Ms. Nelson reviewed how to maximize effectiveness at eliminating racial inequity, including the definition and role of bias, evaluating explicit and implicit biases, how to handle bias, examples of bias, and how bias affects our

thinking. She concluded by reviewing examples of explicit and implicit biases from an individual and institutional perspective, types of racism, and ways to achieve equity. Discussion ensued regarding how the City of Seattle addressed race and equity, potential areas of focus going forward, and resources needed for the project. Council Member Ibsen requested the City use intersectional thinking to address other equity issues in addition to race, including gender and class.

2. 14-0665 2nd Quarter Financial Report & 2013-2014 Biennial Budget Amendments

Mayor Strickland announced the next study session topic is the 2014 Second Quarter Financial Report and 2013-2014 Biennial Budget mid-year adjustments. Susan Ramirez, Finance, provided an update on the 2014 finances through the second quarter for the General Fund, including revenues, expenditures, and variances. She then provided revenue and expenditure updates for General Fund supported funds, including Traffic Enforcement, Permit Services, Streets Maintenance and Engineering, Parking, and Public Assembly Facilities.

Tadd Wille, Budget Officer, reviewed recommended mid-year budget adjustments related to 2013 year-end revenues, and projects in Public Works, the Office of Environmental Policy, and the Fire Department. Peter Huffman, Planning and Development Services (PDS) Department Director, reviewed recommended mid-year budget adjustments related to 2013 year-end revenues for PDS, including 2014 permit revenues, 2014 residential and commercial building permits and values through the second quarter, and the budget adjustment request to reinvest excess revenues over budgeted amounts back into its business operations. Discussion ensued regarding the variance for property taxes, the expansion of school zones, and Council approved initiatives that affect the Parking Fund but have not yet been implemented.

Mayor Strickland announced Council Member Mello will participate in the Closed Session telephonically.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated there are no changes to tonight's Council agenda.

3. 14-0666 Weekly Report to the City Council, July 24, 2014

Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards 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 Boe.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mello

Mayor Strickland stated Council would take a five minute break followed by Closed Session.

Council Member Mello participated telephonically here, at 1:40 p.m.

The Council convened to Closed Session at 1:40 p.m.

The Closed Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:55 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk