



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

June 07, 2016

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:06 p.m.

Present: 7 - Blocker, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Campbell and Lonergan

Council Member Thoms participated telephonically.

Council Member Campbell arrived at 12:15 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [16-0499](#) Forterra Survey on Region's Growth

At approximately 12:07 p.m., Gene Duvernoy, Forterra, presented an overview of the recent survey conducted by Forterra on regional growth, including background information, how Forterra works, and how the research was conducted.

Council Member Campbell arrived here, at 12:15 p.m.

Mr. Duvernoy continued the presentation by reviewing the results and key findings of the survey, how to apply the results, and how to make changes. Discussion ensued regarding private investment, partnering with Community and Economic Development, mixed-use centers, the tax increment finance tool, and the Community Land Trust.

2. [16-0500](#) Council Consideration Request - Behavioral Health Hospital Contribution

At approximately 12:40 p.m., Council Member Woodards presented a Council Consideration Request and asked for the full Council's support in contributing \$1,500,000 to support the Alliance for South Sound Behavioral Health Coalition in the creation of a new behavioral health hospital on the Allenmore Hospital Campus. Discussion ensued regarding support for the contribution and the mental health sales tax.

Other Items of Interest

T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated the City has been named as a defendant in an action filed by the Port of Tacoma, challenging citizen initiative Nos. 5 and 6, pertaining to large-volume industrial water usage.

Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney, stated the City is required to provide a formal response to the complaint and will be asking the court to consider the City's concerns. City Manager Broadnax stated that in response to citizen feedback, staff is currently working to develop an expanded notification process for projects near the Port of Tacoma, a potential interlocal agreement that defines processes and partnership, and that a potential subarea plan is being considered for the entire Port of Tacoma area.

Brian Boudet, Planning and Development Services, provided information relative to the potential subarea plan for the Port of Tacoma area.

Discussion ensued regarding the subarea plan, alignment with Tacoma 2025, and communication.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [16-0498](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, June 2, 2016

At approximately 1:06 p.m., City Manager Broadnax stated there are two proclamations on tonight's agenda, proclaiming June 15, 2016 as Walk Tacoma Day, and June 2016 as Immigrant Heritage Month, and there are no presentations, recognitions, announcements, or changes to tonight's agenda.

Executive Session - Potential Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 20 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Lonergan

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:10 p.m. City Attorney Pauli, and Chief Deputy City Attorney Bill Fosbre were present.

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

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk