



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 894 9617 1192

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May 23, 2023

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Walker called the study session to order at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

Mayor Woodards arrived at 12:56 p.m.

Briefing Item

1. [23-0531](#) Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program

At approximately 12:01 p.m., Josh Diekmann, Interim Director, Public Works (PW), provided a brief background and introduced Jennifer Kammerzell, Assistant Division Manager, PW. Kammerzell presented an overview and background on the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), noting the TIP currently has 119 projects and how the TIP coincides with the City's budgeting process; proposed amendments, noting eight added projects, six bridge projects, grant opportunities, and a City grant match; highlighting five projects, East 34th Street deck repairs and seismic retrofit; Sheridan Avenue complete streets; pedestrian accessibility improvements; East 64th Street phase two and three; and Hilltop Links to Opportunity streetscape; health, equity and sustainability analysis; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for the focus on certain areas and priorities; priority of Hosmer corridor becoming more walkable and pet friendly; communication with community; proposed amenities; equity tools; application for grants; missing gap on Portland Avenue; walking safety; communication with Pierce Transit; prioritizing projects; partnering with Metro Parks and Tacoma Public Schools; and engagement with larger government agencies.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

- 2. [23-0532](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, May 18, 2023

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there two proclamations on tonight’s meeting agenda, proclaiming May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month; and proclaiming June 2023 as Gun Violence Awareness Month. She concluded by stating there will be a motion regarding a settlement added to tonight’s agenda; and that tonight’s meeting includes Community Forum.

Executive Session - Pending Litigation

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to convene to an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending and potential litigation, not to exceed 20 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

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The study session recessed at 12:41 p.m.

The study session reconvened, and Mayor Woodards arrived, at 12:56 p.m.

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The City Council convened to Executive Session at 12:56 p.m.
City Attorney Bill Fosbre was present.

The Executive Session was extended by 15 minutes, at 1:17 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 1:35 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk