



City of Tacoma

Committee of the Whole Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

9th Floor Visibility Center

January 06, 2015

3:00 PM

Call To Order

Mayor Strickland called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

Present: 5 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan and Strickland

Absent: 4 - Mello, Thoms, Walker and Woodards

Deputy Mayor Woodards and Council Members Mello, Thoms, and Walker arrived at 3:10 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [14-1333](#) Infrastructure - Planning and Coordination

Mayor Strickland stated today's discussion on infrastructure, planning and coordination is a follow-up from a previous meeting, noting she is interested in getting concurrence from the City Council. She then provided background information related to conversations regarding the subarea plans, focusing on infrastructure like the Hilltop and Lincoln Business Districts, doing a better job coordinating the construction schedule, and maximizing and leveraging the City's assets. Mayor Strickland discussed the joint meeting held last September with Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) where undergrounding utilities was discussed. She stated, at that time, the City Council requested information regarding a detailed plan to address the cost to underground power in downtown Tacoma for the short- and long-term, whether current power line locations make sense in streets and alleys, whether there an appropriate undergrounding utilities strategy, and how it affects economic development. Mayor Strickland stated the City Council also requested TPU prepare options for the Link extension in 2017, undergrounding utilities in the Lincoln Business District and making sure there is constant coordination with street repairs. Discussion ensued regarding undergrounding utilities, the cost, and other utilities. Mayor Strickland thanked the City Council for their input and stated she would share this discussion with TPU.

Council Consideration Requests

2. [14-1334](#) Council Consideration Request - Theater District Branding

Council Member Thoms provided background information regarding Theater District branding, including recent discussions. He then discussed the boundaries of the proposed district, noting South 9th Street and Broadway would be the center point and additional parameters would be developed in coordination with existing business and neighborhood districts. He stated the proposal is more of a formalization of what already exists.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk