



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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August 09, 2022

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

Executive Session - Review the Qualifications of a Public Employee and Potential Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to convene to an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) to review the qualifications of a public employee, not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to convene to an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 10 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 12:05 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre and Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney’s Office, were present.

The Executive Session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 12:36 p.m.

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Mayor Woodards stated that during tonight’s business meeting, the City Council will finalize the process to fill the At-Large Position 7 vacancy, including background, the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma (Council Rules) related to final candidate selection, and opportunities for Council Members to make comments on individual candidates.

Discussion ensued regarding Council Rules, noting confirmation that Council Members can vote for more than one candidate, tie votes, and majority requirements; the process if no candidate receives a majority vote; and the high quality of finalists.

Briefing Items

1. [22-0865](#) Tideflats Subarea Plan Alternatives

At approximately 12:44 p.m., Deputy Mayor Ushka provided opening remarks and introduced Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services. Atkinson presented the Tideflats Subarea Plan alternatives, including an agenda and purpose; background; next steps in the City Council process; the planning process and milestones; the Environmental Impact Statement alternatives process; the scoping notification and engagement activities; types of comments received, noting the topics, sources, and number of contents; and further review of next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the process to compile comments and provide them to Council Members, comments that address the final plan and not the scoping process, transportation studies, and the role of the Tideflats Advisory Group.

Victor then presented a proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 28786, regarding the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations passed in 2021, including required review by the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE); DOE's mandatory and recommended revisions; the purpose to clarify language related to conditional use permits (CUPs) in the Shoreline Master Program (SMP); and the process to bring forward an ordinance, noting that although an additional public hearing is not required, public comment will be taken.

Discussion ensued regarding previous conversations and public comment about CUPs, and providing assurance to the community that the DOE revisions align with existing City policy and do not substantively change the SMP.

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. [22-0866](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, August 4, 2022

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated that tonight's meeting agenda includes a Compassionate Tacoma recognition for Kwabi Amoah-Forson, and a presentation on systems transformation, including highlights from the Tacoma Public Utilities' racial equity action plan; that no changes are expected to tonight's agenda; and that Community Forum will be held during tonight's meeting.

Executive Session - Review the Qualifications of a Public Employee

This item was addressed earlier in the study session.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk