



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers
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February 06, 2024
12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Hines

Council Member Ushka participated virtually.

Council Member Scott initially participated virtually, and arrived in-person at 12:08 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [24-0111](#) Impact Fees Update
[Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Transportation Division Manager; Joe Franco, Special Assistant to the Public Works Director, Public Works; Nick Anderson, Principal Financial Services Analyst, Finance Department]

At approximately 12:00 p.m., Josh Diekmann, Transportation Division Manager, Public Works (PW), introduced Joe Franco, Special Assistant to the Director, PW, and Nick Anderson, Principal Financial Services Analyst, Finance, and presented an overview of impact fees. Franco presented background, noting the four types of impact fees, including transportation, fire, schools, and parks; and history, noting the 2021 Impact Fee Framework study, permitting benefits, and percentage of household, employment, and trip growth. Anderson concluded with community engagement, noting need, equity, funding, and livability; program considerations; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding community engagement; budget, noting priorities and potential grants; traffic impact fees versus transportation impact fees; coordination with other programs; impact fees in other jurisdictions; development within City rights-of-way and system improvements; health equity issues; collection of impact fees, noting

where improvements are geographically; engagement with City departments; coordination with code requirements; previous improvements process, including funding sources; the Growth Management Act; and development impacts with neighboring jurisdictions.

2. [24-0112](#) Tacoma Streets Initiative Update
[Ramiro Chavez, Director, Public Works]

At approximately 12:39 p.m., Ramiro Chavez, Director, PW, presented an update on the Tacoma Streets Initiative, including an overview; street conditions background, noting the optimal pavement condition index; street network; pavement life cycle costs model; 2015 propositions, noting City Proposition 3 and the Transportation Benefit District Proposition A; baseline Streets Initiative funding; baseline and current spending plan; how the value of each dollar from the Streets Initiative is increased by matching grant funds; maintenance and capital progress update, noting the East 64th Street project and revitalizing Tacoma's Historic Brewery District; current funding, noting car tabs, sales tax, and property tax; next steps, noting the Streets Initiative 2 package; and transparency.

Discussion ensued regarding contract work versus City staff work, multi-modal transportation projects, equitable investing, timeline, funding, accessibility and health equity, curb and gutter improvements, maximizing taxpayer dollars, equity in contracting, street closures, Transportation Master Plan, City arterials, limits and restrictions on funding, and overlay on Local Improvement Districts.

Deputy City Manager Kurtis Kingsolver provided appreciation for the collaboration of multiple City Departments for continuing to accommodate the work Public Works is doing.

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

3. [24-0113](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, February 1, 2024
[Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

Assistant to the City Manager Melanie Harding stated there is one ceremonial on tonight's meeting agenda, proclaiming February 2024

as Black History Month, and no changes are expected to tonight's agenda.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk