



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

City Council Chambers

December 17, 2013

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:09 p.m.

Present: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Mello

Council Member Mello arrived at 12:17 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. 13-0393 Fiscal Sustainability Task Force Recommendations

Mayor Strickland announced the first study session topic is the Fiscal Sustainability Task Force recommendations and provided background information regarding the creation of the Task Force. City Manager T.C. Broadnax provided additional background information and introduced Tyler Shillito, Vice Chair of the Task Force. Mr. Shillito reviewed the Task Force and its mission, the General Fund deficit and challenges, the Task Force findings, consensus and additional recommendations, and general observations and policy recommendations.

Council Member Mello arrived here, at 12:17 p.m.

Mr. Shillito continued to review recommendations, including efficiencies and expenditure reductions, and revenues, and stated the Task Force requests to be reconvened next year. Discussion ensued regarding additional recommendations, whether the findings and recommendations will be posted on the City's website, a potential pilot program for payment in lieu of tax for non-profit organizations that do not pay property taxes, tax credits, and non-payment impacts. Mayor Strickland noted the Task Force was not asked to address or fix the City's problems related to street repairs.

2. 13-0394 District 1 Council Applicant Interviews

Mayor Strickland announced the next study session topic is the Interim City Council District No. 1 vacancy applicant interviews and provided background information regarding the process and timeline. The Council then interviewed the following individuals:

1. Joseph Atkinson
2. Denis Duggan
3. Foster Gibble
4. Christopher Green
5. Sergio Hernandez
6. Nathaniel Lawver
7. Joseph Lopez
8. Spiro Manthou
9. Philip Miller
10. Marion Morford
11. Harold Moss
12. Kurt Olson
13. Jordan Rash
14. Karen Smitherman
15. Joseph Zawacki

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Agenda Review

Mayor Strickland called upon City Manager T.C. Broadnax for a review of tonight's Council agenda. Mr. Broadnax stated there will be a proclamation proclaiming December 31, 2013, as First Night Tacoma Day, and there may a motion to amend Resolution No. 38810 to insert the selected candidates name for the City Council District No. 1 interim position. He then noted the next Council meeting will be held on January 7, 2014.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)(b) to discuss labor negotiations, the session not to exceed 20 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.

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

Ayes: 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

The Council convened to Closed Session at 3:05 p.m.

The Closed Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 3:25 p.m.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to discuss the qualifications of the Interim City Council District No. 1 applicants, the session not to exceed 60 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Mello

Executive Session - Council Applicant's Qualifications Review

The Council convened to Executive Session at 3:25 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli was present.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 4:25 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk