

City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402 Conference Room 16 July 01, 2014

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:07 p.m.

Present: 7 - Boe, Campbell, Lonergan, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor

Strickland

Absent: 2 - Ibsen and Mello

Council Members Ibsen and Mello arrived at 12:08 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. 14-0572 Recreational Marijuana Update

Mayor Strickland announced the first study session topic is an update on recreational marijuana. Brian Boudet, Planning and Development Services, provided opening remarks and an overview of today's presentation.

Council Members Ibsen and Mello arrived here, at 12:08 p.m.

Mr. Boudet provided an update on interim regulations and licensing related to recreational marijuana, including Initiative 502, Washington State rules, City zoning regulations, the license review process, City review for production and processing and retail licenses, the locations of those that have received no objection from the City and key dates. Discussion ensued regarding notification of license applications, concerns regarding how the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB) is handling the application process, the buffer for liquor stores and bars in the City, whether there are buffers for other recreational marijuana and medical marijuana businesses, security requirements, and who should be contacted with concerns regarding oversight issues. Council Member Thoms stated feedback from the City regarding the application process should be provided to the WSLCB. Council Member Mello requested staff provide feedback to the WSLCB regarding process improvement to include notification of license applications to surrounding neighbors and businesses. Mayor Strickland requested staff post online the requirements and process to apply for a license.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated there are no changes to tonight's agenda; however there may be several motions to amend Ordinance No. 28230 related to the 2014 Annual Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code.

2. 14-0556 Weekly Report to the City Council, June 26, 2014

Mayor Strickland stated there will be a Committee of the Whole meeting today at 3:00 p.m. in the Visibility Center on the 9th floor of the Tacoma Municipal Building.

Adjournment

Upon proper motion the study sessi	on was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.
Marilyn Strickland, Mayor	
Doris Sorum, City Clerk	