



City of Tacoma

Committee of the Whole Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

9th Floor Visibility Center

February 18, 2014

3:00 PM

Call To Order

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

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

Briefing Items

1. Format for February 21, 2014 City Council Work Session

Mayor Strickland briefly discussed the format for the Council's special work session scheduled on Friday, February 21, 2014 and noted important issues for discussion will be transportation and public safety.

2. Council Consideration Requests - Student Government Day Program

Deputy Mayor Woodards provided a signed Council Consideration Request and asked for Council concurrence to have staff research and bring to Council a recommendation for a potential Student Government Day program for the City of Tacoma. Discussion ensued regarding what the program may entail and if this request needs to be assigned to a Standing Committee or come back before the Committee of the Whole. She noted Carla Santorno of the Tacoma Public School District has been involved in discussions on this idea.

3. Council Consideration Requests - Women's History Month Celebration

Deputy Mayor Woodards provided a signed Council Consideration Request and asked for Council concurrence to have staff work with the City Events and Recognitions Committee and community partners to host and/or sponsor the City's first official celebration in honor of Women's History Month and International Women's Day in the form of an annual event or luncheon. She noted she would like the first event to be held in March of this year and would like to honor the late University of Washington-Tacoma Chancellor, Debra Friedman. Discussion ensued when and where the event would possibly be held next month.

Committee Reports

Council Member Mello stated the Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee is working to get funds for the floodwall as quickly as possible. He then reported on the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, stating they recently received a presentation on how to help the development community lessen waste on a development project.

Council Member Thoms stated the Joint Municipal Action Committee has been continuing discussions on the Eastside Community Center Project, including a potential location.

Council Member Boe stated Forever Green Trails held their retreat last week and they discussed working with the Russell Family Foundation on the Puyallup Watershed Initiative. He stated another conference will be held in the fall of 2014, noting there is interest in coordinating it with Art Month in November. He then briefly reported on the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board, noting transit agency coordination was recently discussed.

Council Member Lonergan stated the Pierce County Cities and Towns Association recently heard a presentation on transit coordination, Sound Transit's LINK, Pierce Transit, and the Seahawks parade transit coordination.

Council Member Ibsen stated the Joint Municipal Action Committee has recently discussed the study for the Eastside Community Center, Point Defiance, and infrastructural needs at the Port of Tacoma. He stated Zoo Trek Authority has not met yet, but will soon. Discussion ensued regarding if there is a date for completion of the study for the Eastside Community Center for the cost to build operate the center yearly.

Council Member Campbell stated the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center and the YWCA have joined together to conduct a joint fundraiser, called Art 4 Hope and it will be held on Friday, March 14, 2014, at the Hotel Murano.

Mayor Strickland stated Pierce County Council Member Rick Talbert is now the Chair of the Pierce Transit Board and Council Member Walker is a member of the Executive Finance Committee. She also noted the Tacoma Employees' Retirement Board Plan is now 100 percent funded and the Board is taking a conservative approach to find ways to stay sustainable. She then stated she and Deputy Mayor Woodards will be attending an upcoming Mayors conference in New Orleans on reducing violence-related deaths of African American males. She also stated the National League of Cities conference in Washington D.C. is on March 11, 2014 and noted it is important to show a

presence there.

Council Member Walker thanked those that signed up for the Pierce County Regional Council dinner.

Deputy Mayor Woodards discussed a recent Foundation for Tacoma Students' event she attended at Metro Parks' Star Center regarding the Graduate Tacoma! project.

Council Member Mello stated a slight mistake may have been made in Ordinance No. 28183 in the section regarding the definition of a "park" and noted the language may not be consistent with state law. He asked the City Attorney's Office to review and correct if necessary.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk