



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

**December 09, 2014**

**12:00 PM**

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### Call to Order

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

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

### Briefing Items

#### **14-1251** 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update

Brian Boudet, Planning and Development Services (PDS) Division Manager, provided background information on the strategic planning process.

Stephen Atkinson, PDS, reviewed the 2015 Comprehensive Plan update, including the Growth Management Act periodic review, a regional growth forecast, the regional strategies for metropolitan cities and growth centers, implications for Tacoma, and the strategic plan focus elements.

He continued to review plan focus elements, including urban design, the Equity and Empowerment Initiative, plan framework, and core element updates. He concluded by reviewing key opportunities, outreach and engagement, and phases and schedule.

Discussion ensued regarding urban growth areas, local population growth trends, urban design, defining urban areas, mixed-use centers, protecting community diversity, participation on regional and county committees, urban sprawl, market rate building, reasons for choosing where to live, and ways to promote Tacoma. Mayor Strickland requested Vision 2020 and Vision 2040 projections for the year 2020. Council Member Boe requested information regarding how many people commute to Tacoma; and people who live in Tacoma, but commute out of City limits for work.

## Other Items of Interest

### 14-1290 2015-2016 Proposed Biennial Budget Update

T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, reviewed discussions held at the 2015-2016 proposed Citywide Budget work sessions, including using one time revenues for deferred maintenance costs; funding for the Tacoma Link expansion, Eastside Community Center, Broadway Center of the Arts, and the Tacoma Dome; street infrastructure improvements; and public safety.

Discussion ensued regarding the disposition of tier one properties on tonight's agenda. Council Member Mello stated he would like to make an amendment to the legislative agenda to show the City's support for the Tacoma Housing Authority's funding requests for the Hilltop Lofts, and phase two of the Bay Terrace projects. City Manager Broadnax stated staff would add the amendment to the legislative agenda.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

### 14-1218 Weekly Report to the City Council, December 4, 2014

City Manager Broadnax stated at tonight's meeting there is one proclamation, proclaiming December 10, 2014 as Human Rights Day, Citizens' Forum, and a Transportation Benefit District meeting. He stated staff requests the Council suspend the rules at tonight's meeting to add Resolution No. 39077 to the consent agenda to set January 6, 2015 as the date for a public hearing regarding the enforcement strategy options for non-licensed marijuana operations.

Mayor Strickland announced there will be a Committee of the Whole meeting at 3:00 p.m., in Conference Room 16 of the Tacoma Municipal Building North, on the potential amendment to the Tacoma Municipal Code regarding paid sick leave that Council may walk on to tonight's agenda, and noted public comment will not be taken at the meeting.

## Adjournment

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk