



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

November 13, 2018

12:00 PM

Joint Meeting with the Metropolitan Parks Board of Commissioners

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the joint study session to order at 12:10 p.m.

Present: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ibsen

Metropolitan Parks Tacoma Board Members:

Present: 5 - Baines, Jr., Hanberg, Pointer, Reid, Smith

Council Member Ibsen arrived at 12:29 p.m.

Joint City Council/ Metropolitan Parks Board of Commissioners Briefing Items

1. [18-1345](#) Updates on Collaborative Projects: Interagency Coordinating Committee Guiding Principles, Ruston Way Visioning and Heidelberg Sport Village Feasibility Study

At approximately 12:11 p.m., Shon Sylvia, Executive Director, Metropolitan Parks Tacoma (MPT), provided opening remarks and introduced Pete Mayer, Deputy Executive Director, MPT. Mr. Mayer provided background on collaborative projects between the City and MPT. Chris Bacha, Chief Deputy City Attorney, presented on the Interagency Coordinating Committee (ICC), including a history of the relationship and previous agreements between the City since creation of the Park District in 1907. Mr. Mayer outlined the ICC's process for developing guiding principles.

Deputy Mayor Ibsen arrived here, at 12:29 p.m.

Mr. Mayer reviewed the ICC core principles and concluded by describing next steps toward developing a master agreement.

Discussion ensued regarding transparency and communication with constituents; equity and level of service; ownership, oversight, and responsibility for long-term facility planning and maintenance; engagement with advisory boards, other agencies, and volunteers; and possible future agreements.

Joe Brady, Chief Strategy Officer, MPT, presented on the Heidelberg Sports Village Feasibility Project, including a history of the public-public-private partnership between the City, MPT, and Tacoma Rainiers/Seattle Sounders Joint Venture; core project elements and timeline; relevant agreements and policies; and the process for the feasibility study for the proposed soccer-specific stadium and multi-field sports complex. Mr. Bacha explained next steps regarding financial projections, economic and fiscal impacts, and funding options; finalization of the feasibility report; terms and financing; and future presentations and meetings to the Committees, City Council, and MPT Board.

Discussion ensued regarding potential field locations and impacts of relocating facilities, community engagement, transportation and transit access, and parking.

Andrew Austin, Project Manager, MPT, presented the Ruston Way Joint Planning Project, known as “Envision our Waterfront”, including the goals, objectives, study area, public engagement, partner agency coordination, emerging themes and focus areas, public workshops, and design charrettes. He concluded with a review of next steps, including the timeline for plan drafting, review, and adoption in the first quarter of 2019.

Discussion ensued regarding waterfront access, transit barriers, and road conditions; outreach and public input to date; climate change; feedback from residents, businesses, and the railroad; pedestrian and bicycle routes; Transportation Master Plan updates; equity of access; adding the Schuster Parkway corridor to considerations; and the idea of a passenger-only ferry.

2. [18-1346](#) Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

The joint study session adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

The regular study session recessed at 1:32 p.m. and reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

City Council Briefing Items

3. [18-1347](#) Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Institute Innovation Project

At approximately 1:40 p.m., Mayor Woodards described the City Innovation Project proposal submitted to the Harvard Bloomberg City Leadership Institute to create a model of engagement for community-generated standards of service. She stated the project will focus on safety and police services and the role of the City and other agencies, and will have support from a personal expert design coach.

Discussion ensued regarding public safety perceptions and expectations, level of service and crime rates, the Safe Streets model, gang intervention task forces, and the idea to add a representative from the Tacoma School District to the project.

Other Items of Interest

4. [18-1348](#) Council Consideration Request - Funding for Tools to Address Impacts of Exploitation and Sexual Assault

Council Member Hunter explained a Council Consideration Request to fund tools to address impacts of exploitation and sexual assault, based on previous City Council discussions.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

5. [18-1349](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, November 8, 2018

City Manager Pauli stated the Council meeting agenda includes a proclamation proclaiming November 14, 2018 as Tacoma GIS Day, and a recognition for the 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. She further stated two amendments are proposed for Ordinance No. 28559 related to the Rental Housing Code.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed amendments, related to changing notice requirements.

ChiQuata Elder, Landlord-Tenant/Crime Free Housing Coordinator, Office of Equity and Human Rights, explained revisions based on Council feedback at the previous Committee of the Whole special meeting, the definition of ‘change of use’, and information to be made available online.

Discussion continued regarding change of use, notification timelines, the number of landlords owning a small number of rental properties, the purpose of the Rental Housing Code, and data gathering for future study.

City Manager Pauli further stated that two amendments are proposed for Ordinance No. 28542 related to the Tideflats Interim Regulations.

Discussion ensued regarding previous discussions and considering the proposed amendments in two parts.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk