



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

February 28, 2017

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:08 p.m.

Present: 8 - Blocker, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Campbell

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

Briefing Items

1. [17-0229](#) 2017 Strategic Planning Emerging Themes Follow-up Discussion

At approximately 12:09 p.m., Tanisha Jumper, City Manager's Office, and Kathryn Johnston, Office of Management and Budget, provided information relative to emerging themes from the 2017 City Council Strategic Planning City Council retreat, including the approach used, the retreat agenda, strategic foresight/trend exercise, issues to focus on, and committee recommendations.

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

Ms. Jumper and Ms. Johnston concluded by discussing next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding issues and concerns discussed at the retreat, current initiatives, and committee assignments.

Other Items of Interest

- [17-0246](#) Mayoral Letter to Northwest Detention Center

Mayor Strickland stated that last Friday, February 24, 2017, she sent a certified letter to the GEO Group, to express the City's concerns about the current operation of the Northwest Detention Center, the possible detention of individuals in violation of due process rights, the violation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy and other established federal

immigration enforcement priorities. She noted that the City has asked for current policies for accepting and detaining individuals in the Northwest Detention Center, and an executed Certificate of Compliance certifying that all current detainees have been detained in a manner consistent with all applicable state and federal laws.

Discussion ensued regarding support for the letter.

Elizabeth Pauli, Interim City Manager, provided information relative to communications that she has had with the GEO Group.

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Council Member McCarthy stated that the Community Council has expressed the desire to be involved in the hiring process of the next City Manager.

Committee Reports

Council Member Ibsen stated that the Joint Municipal Action Committee has an open agenda for the next couple of months, and to let him know if staff or City Council members had any topics that they would like studied.

Council Member Lonergan stated the new South Sound 911 computer aided dispatch system is in place for all groups except Tacoma Fire, and that a transition was taking place relative to staffing and where dispatchers will be located. He noted that there are new hours at the records office, which now include Saturday hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. He also provided information relative to a dispatch study, led by the City Manager's Office, analyzing two service models for fire related dispatch, and stated Pierce County has approved a contract to demolish the Puget Sound Hospital, where the new South Sound 911 facility will be located.

Council Member Mello stated there is an alert out from the Association of Washington Cities, asking for help from members who serve on the Means and Ways Committee, and there is concern that both chambers may be sweeping revenues to provide critical core services at the local government level. He also stated at the last meeting of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, an update was given on environmental justice work, and the Agency adopted new regional greenhouse gas emissions targets to be consistent with those that King County has adopted.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

- 2. [17-0230](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, February 23, 2017

Elizabeth Pauli, Interim City Manager, stated there are no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements, nor are there any expected changes to tonight's agenda.

Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a and b) to discuss labor negotiations, not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

The Council convened to Closed Session at 12:47 p.m.

The Closed Session was extended by 20 minutes at 1:02 p.m., and 1:22 p.m.

The Closed Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:42 p.m.

Executive Session - Pending and Potential Litigation

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending and potential litigation, not to exceed 20 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:42 p.m. Acting City Attorney Bill Fosbre, and Chief Deputy City Attorney Chris Bacha were present.

The Executive Session was extended by 10 minutes at 2:02 p.m., and by five minutes at 2:12 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:17 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk