



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

February 25, 2014

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Present: 5 - Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 4 - Campbell, Thoms, Walker and Woodards

Council Members Campbell, Thoms, and Walker arrived at 12:06 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. 14-0156

Environmental Services Strategic Plan 2013-2018

Mayor Strickland announced the first study session topic is the Environmental Services Strategic Plan 2013-2018 and called upon Environmental Services Director Mike Slevin. Mr. Slevin provided an overview of today's presentation.

Council Members Campbell, Thoms, and Walker arrived here, at 12:06 p.m.

Mr. Slevin stated the purpose of the Strategic Plan is to establish direction, enhance customer service, increase accountability, aid decision-making, and document levels of service. He then reviewed Environmental Services' vision, mission, and values; and each division within the department. He reviewed goals for the following categories: environment, customer service, financial management, effective operations, employees, and capital projects. He then reviewed how Environmental Services plans to meet their goals.

Mr. Slevin concluded with next steps, including for all Environmental Services divisions to develop their own implementation plans, track progress toward the goals, produce an annual report, and update the Strategic Plan every two years. Discussion ensued regarding using compressed natural gas for the Solid Waste fleet vehicles, stormwater rate implementation, and waste reduction goals in the Tacoma-Pierce County Solid Waste Plan.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Agenda Review

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated there is one recognition, recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the Knights of Pythias, and one proclamation, proclaiming February 25, 2014 as Free Income Tax Return Preparation Day. He stated there are no changes to the published agenda at this time.

Executive Session - Pending and Potential Litigation

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Woodards

Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

MOTION: Council Member Boe moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(a)(b) to discuss labor negotiations, the session not to exceed 20 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Woodards

The Council convened to Executive Session at 12:50 p.m.
City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli and Deputy City Attorney Jeff Capell were present.

The Executive Session ended at 1:10 p.m.

The Council convened to Closed Session at 1:15 p.m.

At 1:35 p.m., the Closed Session was extended by 10 minutes.

The Closed Session ended and the study session reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk