



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

May 06, 2014

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:06 p.m.

Present: 7 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Walker and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Thoms and Woodards

Deputy Mayor Woodards arrived at 12:07 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. 14-0354 Charter Review Committee Final Report

Mayor Strickland announced the first study session topic is the Charter Review Committee Final Report.

Deputy Mayor Woodards arrived here, at 12:07 p.m.

Bill Baarsma, Charter Review Committee Chair, introduced the Committee Members and provided an overview of the Committee's recommendations, noting all recommendations were moved forward. Chair Baarsma, Vice Chair Justin Leighton, and Committee Member Terri Baker, reviewed housekeeping recommendations from staff, the Pierce County Auditor, and the Human Resources Charter Review Subcommittee; and substantive recommendations related to general topics, accountability for Tacoma Public Utilities, the City Manager and City Attorney, and the form of government. Chair Baarsma concluded by reviewing the list of individuals who submitted minority reports. Discussion ensued throughout regarding the recommendations related to gender neutral language, employment eligibility requirements, financial disclosure, Neighborhood Business Districts, effective ordinance dates, a Salary Commission, performance audits, appointment of the Utility Director, Council staff, and term limits.

Mayor Strickland invited the authors of the minority reports to speak. Committee Members Patricia Talton and Mabel Edmonds stated they do not advocate a change of the current form of government. Discussion ensued regarding the form of government, including voter strength, and the Mayor's role if the form of government changed. Discussion ensued regarding the division of women and minorities on the Charter Review Committee. Chair Baarsma provided closing remarks and Mayor Strickland thanked the Committee for their hard work.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated there will be three proclamations tonight proclaiming May 6-12, 2014 as Harvey Felder Week, May 2014 as Tacoma Historic Preservation Month, and May 2014 as Bike Month.

2. 14-0355 Weekly Report to the City Council, May 1, 2014

Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)(b) to discuss labor negotiations, the session not to exceed 20 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Mayor Strickland stated Council would take a five minute break followed by Closed Session.

The Council convened to Closed Session at 2:10 p.m.

The Closed Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk