



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

May 22, 2018

12:00 PM

JOINT MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD

Call to Order

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

Present: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Mello

Public Utility Board Members:

Present: 4 - Flint, Larkin, Patterson, and Trudnowski

Absent: 1 - Jones

Board Member Patterson participated telephonically.

Joint Executive Session - Pending Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to convene to a Joint Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation, not to exceed 30 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Camarata.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Mello

Public Utility Board Members:

Ayes: 4 - Flint, Larkin, Patterson, and Trudnowski

Absent: 1 - Jones

The Council convened to Joint Executive Session at 12:12 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre and Chief Deputy City Attorney Tom Morrill, were present.

The Joint Executive Session was extended by 8 minutes at 12:42 p.m. and 5 minutes at 12:50 p.m.

The Joint Executive Session concluded and the joint study session reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

Joint City Council/Public Utility Board Briefing Items

1. [18-0522](#) CTC Energy and Technology Recommendation for Proposals on the Alternative Click! Partnership Model

At approximately 12:59 p.m., Linda McCrea, Interim Director, Tacoma Public Utilities, made opening remarks and introduced Joanne Hovis, President, CTC Technology and Energy. Ms. Hovis presented the preliminary evaluation of the responses received from the Request for Information and Qualifications (RFI/Q) seeking ideas from potential collaborators in regards to the future of Tacoma Public Utilities' Click! Network. She provided a background of the RFI/Q, reviewed a summary of CTC's evaluation of the RFI/Q responses which addressed key considerations, and CTC's recommendations regarding next steps. She further reviewed the proposals provided by the respondents outlining their ideas for Click!'s future and how they would meet the 12 policy goals developed by the City Council and Public Utility Board and provided the names of the respondents, including Advanced Stream, Rainier Connect, Wyverd, Yomura Fiber, and Wave.

Discussion ensued regarding the articulation of services that may be provided to the customers if a proposal is accepted, if all respondents would continue to provide cable TV services, respondents' business modeling background, local company branding power, how the respondents define equity, and next steps.

The joint study session adjourned at 1:31 p.m., and the regular study session reconvened at 1:36 p.m.

City Council Briefing Items

2. [18-0523](#) Local Food Access and Equity Research and Projects

Mayor Woodards stated the presentation by local food access and equity research and projects will be come back to study session at another date.

Other Items of Interest

3. [18-0533](#) Council Consideration Request - Neighborhood Business District Support for Special Events Pilot

Council Member Hunter stated she had attended a Cross District Association (CDA) meeting, and was informed of how many events and what the CDA does to enhance the well-being of the City. Discussion followed regarding creating the Great Barrier Relief Pilot Project to reimburse the Neighborhood Business Districts for costs associated with traffic control devices. The costs would cover up to \$2,000 per event for five major events in the City, and the pilot project would gather data baselines for future reference if the City would like to continue to support the CDA in this fashion.

4. [18-0552](#) CCR - Support for Community Members to Attend Final Competition of All America City Awards

Council Member Blocker stated Tacoma was named as one of 19 finalists to compete for the All-America City Award by the National Civic League and is being recognized for the work in advancing equity policies with recent projects. He stated as a finalist the City is invited to send a delegation to the conference where each city will present their work before a jury panel who will decide the winner of the All-America City Award, and he, along with Office of Equity and Human Rights staff, will be attending on Tacoma's behalf. He is requesting the use of Council Contingency Funds to allow community members who have helped lead these projects to attend the conference.

Discussion ensued regarding who the Council Contingency Funds would cover.

Committee Reports

Council Member Blocker stated the City established a Hilltop Engagement Committee to help facilitate the streetscape project connected to the light rail extension, and the Member appointments on the Committee end this summer. He is asking to extend the appointments for the Members to stay on the Committee until the end of the year due to work that still needs to be completed.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

5. [18-0509](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, May 17, 2018

City Manager Pauli stated there are two proclamations, proclaiming the week of May 28, 2018 through June 3, 2018 as Tacoma Hospitality Week and Saturday, June 2, 2018 as Gun Violence Awareness Day. She stated there are some changes to tonight's agenda, including removing a noticed proclamation regarding Gospel Music Legends Day; an expected amendment to Resolution No. 40013, to replace all references to Heather Rawley with Jade Monroe on the appointment to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission; and an expected amendment to Resolution No. 40015, the appointment to the Public Utility Board (PUB), to replace all references to Christine Cooley with Monique Trudnowski.

Discussion ensued regarding moving the PUB appointment to June 5, 2018, rescinding the motion to amend the PUB appointment until June 5, 2018, the process for appointing members to the PUB, and if there are designated positions on the PUB.

Mayor Woodards stated she has been meeting with the Port of Tacoma, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, and Pierce County, regarding who should sign the Interlocal Agreement for the Tideflats Subarea Plan.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk