



City Council Study Session Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16, 733 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

August 6, 2013

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

Council Members Present: 6 – Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Walker, and Mayor Strickland.

Council Members Absent: 3 – Mello (arrived at 12:14 p.m.), Thoms, and Woodards (arrived at 12:19 p.m.)

Mayor Strickland announced the first study session topic is the Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy. Jason Jordan, Port of Tacoma, provided background information regarding the strategy.

Council Member Mello arrived here, at 12:14 p.m.

Mr. Jordan reviewed Pierce County's non-attainment status, including new over-arching reduction goals; and provided information regarding Emission Control Areas (ECA). Discussion ensued regarding ECA locations and standards. Ron Stuart, Port of Tacoma, reviewed efficiency plans for ports, terminals, and rail carriers.

Council Member Woodards arrived here, at 12:19 p.m.

Mr. Stuart then reviewed sector goals and targets for vessels, rail, cargo handling equipment, drayage trucks, and Port Administration; and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding whether ports on the east coast engage in environmental action, the definition of the word tier as it relates to cargo handling equipment, vessel targets, the impact of the regulations on businesses, and whether there is an environmental advantage to being a rail-centric port as it relates to controlling emissions.

Mayor Strickland announced the next study session topic is the Healthy Homes, Healthy Neighborhood Pilot project. Kristin Lynett, Sustainability Manager, reviewed the project, including an overview of the presentation, background information, partners, issues, outreach, project sustainability, and next steps. Council Member thanked staff for their work on the project.

Mayor Strickland asked for other items of interest; hearing none, she called upon City Manager T.C. Broadnax for a review of tonight's Council agenda. Mr. Broadnax stated there will be a presentation of the Platinum Peak Performance Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, and there will be a special meeting of the Transportation Benefit District Governing Board.

Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation, the session not to exceed 10 minutes. Seconded by Council Member Woodards. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:05 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli and Chief Deputy City Attorney Bill Fosbre were present.

The Executive Session was extended for 15 minutes at 1:15 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

MARILYN STRICKLAND, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK