



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

August 05, 2014

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Council Member Campbell called the study session to order at 12:10 p.m.

Present: 5 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello and Thoms

Absent: 4 - Boe, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Deputy Mayor Woodards arrived at 12:16 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. 14-0674

Tacoma Community Survey

Council Member Campbell announced the first study session topic is the Tacoma Community Survey. Tadd Wille, Budget Officer, provided background information and described the format of the survey results. Dr. Tom Miller, National Research Center (NRC), thanked Katie Johnston, Finance, for her work on the project and provided background information on the NRC.

Deputy Mayor Woodards arrived here, at 12:16 p.m.

Dr. Miller reviewed the National Citizen Survey (NCS) for Tacoma, including information measured; facets of the community livability; where the findings come from; national benchmark comparisons; key focus areas; key findings; special topics, including budget priorities, information sources, and geographic and demographic subgroup comparisons; and conclusions. Discussion ensued regarding previous surveys; the survey results, including the overall feeling of safety and Neighborhood Business Districts; whether the survey was available in paper and electronic formats; and whether the survey results are available on our website. Council Member Campbell requested information regarding the number of surveys returned in Spanish, and suggested adding additional language options for the survey.

2. **14-0675** P3-Partnerships - Environmental Services Department and Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability

Council Member Campbell announced the next study session topic is P3 Partnerships. John O'Loughlin, Environmental Services (ES), reviewed the department's mission and ongoing partnerships. Bill Anderson, Citizens for a Healthy Bay (CHB), reviewed the partnership between ES and CHB. Mr. O'Loughlin continued to review ongoing partnerships and concluded by reviewing project based partners, and infrastructure coordination. Discussion ensued throughout regarding community gardens, bay patrol, and potential pilot programs for compostable items.

Kristin Lynett, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, and Diane Wiatr, City Manager's Office, reviewed the division's mission, background information on sustainability, partnerships related to policy, and partnerships related to programs and initiatives. Karen Bowes, Proctor Farmers' Market, reviewed the EBT Incentive Pilot Program. Discussion ensued regarding outreach efforts for the EBT Program. Ms. Lynett and Ms. Wiatr concluded by reviewing additional partnerships related to programs and initiatives, public education, and performance measurement. Discussion ensued regarding bicycle related improvements and initiatives, including the Major Taylor Project, and AAA road service.

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 are no changes to tonight's Council agenda. He then stated the NCS was provided online in Cambodian, Vietnamese, Korean, and Russian; and no surveys were received in any of those languages. He concluded by noting tonight is the 31st Annual National Night Out.

3. **14-0673** Weekly Report to the City Council, July 31, 2014

Executive Session

MOTION: Council Member Mello 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 Lonergan.

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

Council Member Campbell stated Council would take a five minute break followed by Executive Session.

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:40 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli and Chief Deputy City Attorney Bill Fosbre were present.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:50 p.m.

Ayes: 6 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms and Woodards
Absent: 3 - Boe, Walker and Mayor Strickland

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Marty Campbell, Council Member

Doris Sorum, City Clerk