



City of Tacoma

Committee of the Whole Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

9th Floor Visibility Center

January 21, 2014

3:00 PM

Call To Order

Present: 7 - Campbell, Lopez, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker and Woodards

Absent: 2 - Boe and Mayor Strickland

Deputy Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. **14-0055** Special Event Program Improvements

Kala Dralle, Community and Economic Development Department (CED), provided background information on the first year of CED processing special event permits in 2013; she then reviewed key observations and feedback received.

She reviewed key objectives, including to identify, increase and leverage successes, align resources, mitigate and resolve adverse impacts, and attract more diverse, profitable and sustainable events. She then reviewed the following proposed changes: to encourage and invite more cultural events; begin cost recovery for notifications, and charge potential inspection, enforcement, or impact fees. She discussed having a one-stop-shop, streamlined experience by linking various permitting authorities, further developing the City QA system, publishing step-by-step guidelines, and improving communication with early notifications, use of social media, promotion of public spaces, and continued work with stakeholders.

Ms. Dralle reviewed planned ordinance revisions to Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Chapter 11.10 regarding production of motion pictures, and various changes to Chapter 11.15 regarding special events. She concluded with next steps, including Council consideration of the ordinance revisions, implementation of a communication plan regarding the changes, formalization of service level agreement with members of the Special Event Review team, and ongoing monitoring and community engagement. Discussion ensued

regarding the possibility of combining City and Metro Parks' permitting processes, liability issues with events, if the planned ordinance revisions are based on model ordinances from other cities, permitting exceptions for events such as the 72 hour Film Festival, and the possibility of conducting citizen training on how to put on an event in Tacoma.

Council Consideration Requests

There were no Council Consideration Requests.

Committee Reports

Council Member Lonergan reported on the most recent Pierce County Regional Council meeting, and noted the annual General Assembly is scheduled for February 20, 2014.

Council Member Walker reported on the Association of Washington Cities Board, and announced she will be attending Legislative Action Day on January 29, 2014.

Council Member Mello stated the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee recently heard from the Sustainable Tacoma Commission on their progress and goals. He also provided a brief update on the Pierce County Flood District Advisory Committee and the floodwall project.

Council Member Thoms stated the Joint Municipal Action Committee recently discussed the Gateway Project and the Mental Health Tax.

Deputy Mayor Woodards stated at a recent Pierce County Law and Justice Council meeting, discussion was held on moving paid parking up to the County-City Building, taking arrested individuals to the Fife Jail, and opportunities to bring some business back to the Pierce County Jail.

Discussion ensued regarding which family support centers may be closed.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Victoria Woodards, Deputy Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk