



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

March 17, 2015

12:00 PM

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### Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Boe called the study session to order at 12:03 p.m.

**Present:** 5 - Boe, Campbell, Lonergan, Mello and Walker

**Absent:** 4 - Ibsen, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Council Member Ibsen arrived at 12:04 p.m., Council Member Thoms arrived at 12:07 p.m., and Council Member Woodards arrived at 12:21 p.m.

### Briefing Items

1. [15-0253](#) Legislative Update

Deputy Mayor Boe called on Randy Lewis, Government Relations Officer, to provide a status update on Washington State Legislature bills of interest to the City.

Council Member Ibsen arrived here, at 12:04 p.m.

Mr. Lewis reviewed bills related to the Bay Street speed camera.

Council Member Thoms arrived here, at 12:07 p.m.

Mr. Lewis continued to review bills related to local revitalization financing, a Transportation Benefit District fee increase, Sound Transit funding for their ST3 project, transportation network companies such as Uber and Lyft, minimum wage and paid sick and safe leave, medical marijuana, and marijuana revenue. Discussion ensued regarding revenue from marijuana retail sales and Senate Bill (SB) 5052 regarding regulations on recreational marijuana stores.

Council Member Woodards arrived here, at 12:21 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding recreational marijuana retail stores, the collaboration between SB 5052 and House Bill (HB) 2136 regarding marijuana revenue, the purpose of collective gardens, and the need for legislation relative

to marijuana regulations. Council Member Thoms requested information regarding how the eight recreational marijuana retail locations in Tacoma were selected. Council Member Lonergan requested a legislative change relative to collective gardens and co-ops to clarify use. Council Member Campbell requested information regarding whether marijuana can be delivered within a one-mile radius according to SB 5052.

Mr. Lewis reviewed legislative bills that failed to advance, the calendar of upcoming legislative dates, and the proposed rollout of the House and Senate operating and capital budgets. Mr. Lewis stated the Council has been provided the Government Relations Report and a Tacoma Bill Status Report. Discussion ensued regarding bills requiring audio and video requirements for law enforcement.

Mr. Lewis concluded by reviewing a legislative bill related to water infrastructure bonds from which the money would be spent on stormwater, irrigation, and flooding projects, noting there is an additional proposal to fund the program through a sewer utility tax.

Council Member Thoms requested Mr. Lewis continue to support Substitute SB 5755 related to property crimes, and information regarding state revenues related to the manufacturing and processing of recreational marijuana. He then requested staff provide information regarding how much the City charges manufacturing and production businesses operating within city limits, and whether a portion of the taxes go to the state. Discussion ensued regarding recreational marijuana, including production and selling revenue and agricultural process opportunities.

## **Other Items of Interest**

There were no other items of interest.

## **Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report**

2. [15-0254](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, March 12, 2015

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated at tonight's Council meeting there will be a proclamation proclaiming March 20, 2015 as Helping Overcome Personal Emptiness' Victim Advocacy and Education Day in the City of Tacoma, and there will be Citizens' Forum. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli stated there may be two changes to tonight's agenda, including an additional resolution to amend the City Manager's employment agreement, and a substitute for Ordinance No. 28287 to include a change in the compensation table to address changes to the City Manager's compensation.

Deputy Mayor Boe stated there will be a Committee of the Whole meeting at 3:00 p.m. in the 9th floor Visibility Center in the Tacoma Municipal Building located at 747 Market Street, noting agenda topics include the Council's 2015 strategic priorities and a Council consideration request for the Pierce County AIDS Foundation.

## **Adjournment**

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

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David Boe, Deputy Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk