



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

December 04, 2017

9:00 AM

Special Joint Study Session with the Port of Tacoma Commission

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the special joint study session to order at 9:04 a.m.

Present: 7 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Walker Lee

Council Member Blocker arrived at 9:13 a.m.

Port of Tacoma Commissioners Present: 5 - Bacon, Johnson, Marzano, Meyer, and Petrich

Also in attendance:

Pierce County Council Member Present: 1 - Richardson

Puyallup Tribal Council Members Present: 2 - Bryan and Sterud

Joint City Council/Port of Tacoma Commission Briefing Items

1. [17-1269](#) Draft Interlocal Agreement and Process for the Tideflats Subarea Plan

At approximately 9:04 a.m., Mayor Strickland, made opening remarks about the draft Interlocal Agreement (ILA) and process for the Tideflats Subarea plan, and introduced the representatives from the Port of Tacoma Commission, the Puyallup Tribal Council, and Pierce County Council.

Introductions were made from all governing bodies. Chair Sterud, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, said a prayer, made opening remarks, and discussed the consultation process.

Council Member Blocker arrived here, at 9:13 a.m.

Mr. Sterud continued to discuss protection of the land, treaty, reservation, people, and future; lawsuits; settlement agreement; Liquefied Natural Gas; importance in the future, noting jobs; consultation; and quality of life. Chair Dick Marzano, Port of Tacoma Commission, made opening remarks and discussed striving for the same thing, scheduling and moving forward as a top priority, and working together as partners. Chair Doug Richardson, Pierce County Council, thanked the group for the opportunity to participate and is looking forward to the discussion on the Subarea plan.

At approximately 9:30 a.m., Mayor Strickland, discussed the need for courage to have difficult conversations in public, noting to speak honestly, listen respectfully, and to hear and see each other, and introduced Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services. Mr. Huffman provided an overview of the Subarea planning process, including a map of the Tideflat Manufacturing/Industrial Center, noting the geography of the Subarea plan; what the Subarea plan addresses; funding; ILA elements; open issues; and next steps, noting finalizing the ILA, consideration of ILA by all participating jurisdictions, and to proceed with the Subarea plan.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the need for a subarea plan, budget, the draft ILA, agreement on and copies of the materials in the presentation, description of who the staff are, participating jurisdictions, entities involved in subarea plans, ILA elements, who makes the decisions on the open issues, defined planning area boundary, and the Shoreline Master Program. Discussion continued on interim regulations; finalization of the ILA plan; what is wanted for the Tidelands in the future, noting green jobs, who makes the choices, and growth in the area; involvement in the subarea planning process; composition of lead agencies; length of the process; funding resolution; inclusion of the Pierce County Council and Puyallup Tribal Council as full partners; and benefits of subarea plans. Further, discussion continued on the open issues, noting the State Environmental Policy Act co-lead and role and responsibility of the leadership agency, stakeholder group, and the City's Planning Commission in the planning process; building trust as a goal; communication and awareness of all interested parties; involved agencies listed in the draft ILA; jurisdiction; rules of engagement; outreach to the Tribe from the County; County's request to be a participant of the subarea planning group; input from all interested parties for cooperation and collaboration; timelines; and inclusion. Discussion concluded on the creation of the draft of an agreement, communication between the Tribe and County Councils, and approval process.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the special joint study session was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk