



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

October 10, 2017

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:06 p.m.

Present: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Briefing Items

1. [17-1032](#) Lamar Billboard Settlement Proposal and Sign Code Amendments

At approximately 12:07 p.m., Chris Bacha, Chief Deputy City Attorney, provided background information regarding previous ordinances and agreements to address billboard issues in Tacoma and how the City came about doing business with Lamar Advertising Company. He then reviewed Lamar Advertising Company's proposals, including the implementation, obligations, timeline for removal of billboards, replacements, limitation on number of billboards, requirements before installing new billboards, challenging the ordinance, nonconforming billboard signs, over-height billboards, and the ordinance amending process. Shirley Schultz, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services (PDS), provided information on the proposed sign code amendments, including the exchange program, removal of billboards, billboard free zones, cap and replace zones, seven new receiving areas, comparison of allowed zones, and other changes. Mr. Bacha concluded by reviewing next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding the clarification on billboard faces, the future amendment process, new ownership and signs, sign code background and process, clarification on billboard areas, the need for providing a whole map of Tacoma indicating all billboards in the City for residents, who is able to challenge the amended ordinance, cantilevering billboards, and the need for notifying the public before removing billboards.

Colby Palmer, General Manager, Lamar Advertising Company, thanked City staff and stated that the company values and supports community input and working group, ending the litigation, and removing billboards in significant areas.

Discussion continued regarding sharing the map of the removal of billboards.

2. [17-1033](#) Temporary Shelters Interim Regulations

At approximately 12:50 p.m., Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, PDS, made opening remarks and stated the presentation on temporary shelter interim regulations is related to the three-phase approach strategy the City Manager put in place to tend to the State of Emergency declaration on homelessness. Mr. Boudet provided an overview and historical and regulatory information, noting the main focus of temporary shelter interim regulations is on the second phase, stabilization site. Lauren Flemister, Senior Planner, PDS, summarized the public response to the State of Emergency declaration and provided information on the proposed modifications to regulations, including a six-month extension of the interim regulations, modifying the interim regulations to add the amendments to the existing zoning code, key code changes, and the number of increased shelter locations. Ms. Flemister concluded by reviewing the existing and unchanged code elements and outreach strategy.

Discussion ensued regarding the involvement and commitment of nongovernmental organizations and churches, liabilities, the internal capacity, proper funding, the need for identifying the City's partners and resources needed before amending the zoning code, allowing pets in shelters, the definition of inclement weather, police sector dispersion, limitation on capacity of shelters, educating nongovernmental organizations and churches before providing services, clarification on regulations on accepting services from other organizations, remaining regulations, barriers, outreach, needing a method on how to choose which organization can be involved when many organizations volunteer in one sector, budget, clarification on the number of allowed sites and capacity, current temporary homeless shelters interim regulations, and the need for a list of the requirements for the service providers.

Other Items of Interest

3. [17-1034](#) Skip Vaughn Trail Naming Resolution

Reuben McKnight, Historical Preservation Officer, PDS, provided background information on Gwilymn "Skip" Vaughn relative to the naming of

the Skip Vaughn's trail, including Mr. Vaughn's accomplishments, the opening event, and a map of the recommended trail route.

Discussion ensued regarding the location of the trail.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [17-1035](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, October 5, 2017

Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager, stated there are two proclamations and one recognition, proclaiming Thursday, October 19, 2017 as Community Conflict Resolution Day, proclaiming October 2017 as Human Rights Commission Recognition Month, and recognizing the Korean Women's Association's 45th Anniversary. She stated there are no expected changes to tonight's agenda.

Executive Session - Pending Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation, not to exceed 10 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

The Council convened to Executive Session at 2:00 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre and Chief Deputy City Attorney Chris Bacha were present.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk