



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

July 14, 2015

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:09 p.m.

Present: 5 - Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 4 - Boe, Campbell, Lonergan and Woodards

Council Member Campbell arrived at 12:15 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [15-0753](#) Draft Transportation Master Plan

At approximately 12:10 p.m., Kurtis Kingsolver, Director, Public Works, provided opening remarks and introduced Josh Diekmann and Jennifer Kammerzell, Public Works. Mr. Diekmann presented an overview of the draft Transportation Master Plan, including background information, plan review and public comment, and key accomplishments and findings. Ms. Kammerzell reviewed key accomplishments, including modal networks and network priorities.

Council Member Campbell arrived here, at 12:15 p.m.

Ms. Kammerzell continued to review key accomplishments and findings, including concurrency and appendices. She then gave an overview of public comment received and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding support of the draft Transportation Master Plan, future vision, revenue and impact fees, Sound Transit Link expansion, 20-minute neighborhoods, multi-modal systems, performance measures, bicycle priority network, walkability and connections with bike paths, the West Mall neighborhood, population and employment growth, and converting automobile centric areas to pedestrian-oriented areas.

2. [15-0518](#) Tacoma Link Expansion Environmental Review and Comment

At approximately 12:49 p.m., Sue Comis, Steve Kennedy, and Chelsea Levy, Sound Transit, presented an overview of the Tacoma Link Expansion environmental review, including the project schedule, the environmental review schedule, project overview, project benefits, proposed station locations, funding, the environmental review process, the project decision process, elements of the environment studied, views and visual character, visual simulations, noise and vibration findings, transportation findings, traffic projections, projected ridership, station area walk sheds, parking, property acquisitions, Traction Power Substations (TPSS), historic and cultural resources, and public involvement opportunities.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding funding efforts, overhead wire options, timeline, compatibility with the street car system, placement and art featured at substations and types of outreach.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Ibsen stated that he will be bringing forward amendments to Proposal A of the Tacoma Minimum Wage Task Force at tonight's business meeting.

Committee Reports

Council Member Ibsen stated at the most recent Joint Municipal Action Committee meeting a debrief was given regarding the U.S. Open, successes, and how well planned the event was. He stated there was also a discussion about regional partnerships related to schools.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [15-0754](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, July 9, 2015

At approximately 1:34 p.m., T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated there is one presentation on tonight's agenda, to present the American Public Works Association accreditation plaque to the Environmental Services and Public Works departments. He stated that in relation to tonight's agenda, several amendments may be brought forward by Council Members pertaining to Resolution Nos. 39236 and 39237, and Transportation Benefit District Resolution No. 008, and that staff is asking Council Members to work with the City Attorney to discuss whether the proposed changes would be amendments to the published Resolution and/or new proposed Resolutions. He stated at tonight's meeting there will be Citizens' Forum, and potential topics discussed may include minimum wage and the street improvement measures.

Council Member Mello stated that he will bring forward an amendment in regards to the streets improvement measures relative to transparency and

accountability.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk