



# City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

**January 10, 2017**

**12:00 PM**

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## Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:07 p.m.

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

The City Council At-Large No. 6 position is vacant.

## Briefing Items

1. [17-0026](#) City Council At-Large Position 6 Qualifications Discussion

At approximately 12:08 p.m., Mayor Strickland provided background information regarding the process for filling the vacant City Council At-Large No. 6 position, stating that applications will be reviewed for qualifications today, and the appointment is scheduled for January 24, 2017, so that the appointee may fully participate in the City Council Strategic Planning Work Session scheduled for January 27, 2017.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of applicants, qualifications sought, needs of the City Council, and timeline.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Committee Reports

Council Member Mello stated at yesterday's Pierce Transit Board meeting, a consultant was chosen to complete a feasibility study and analysis for the Bus Rapid Transit Project corridor to help position the project for a grant from the Federal Transit Administration. Discussion ensued regarding service times.

Mayor Strickland stated a Request for Proposal has been issued to handle the national search for a new City Manager. She stated that a search firm will be selected in four to six weeks.

Council Member Campbell provided information regarding a vacancy on the Tacoma Pierce County Board of Health. Discussion ensued regarding the addition of a resolution on tonight's agenda appointing Council Member Blocker to the Tacoma Pierce County Board of Health.

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

2. [17-0039](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, January 5, 2017

Mark Lauzier, Assistant City Manager, stated there is one proclamation on tonight's agenda, proclaiming Monday, January 16, 2017, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and an addition of a resolution appointing Council Member Blocker to the Tacoma Pierce County Board of Health.

## **Executive Session - Evaluate City Council At-Large Position 6 Applicants' Qualifications; Real Estate Negotiations; and, Potential Litigation**

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) to discuss real estate negotiations, not to exceed 10 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

The Council convened to Executive Session at 12:45 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli, Chief Deputy City Attorney Bill Fosbre, and Deputy City Attorney Jeff Capell were present.

The Executive Session was extended by 10 minutes at 12:55 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 5 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:05 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli, Chief Deputy City Attorney Bill Fosbre, and Deputy City Attorney Jeff Capell were present.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of applicants for the City Council At-Large No. 6 position, not to exceed 45 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:15 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli, Chief Deputy City Attorney Bill Fosbre, and Deputy City Attorney Jeff Capell were present.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk