



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

October 22, 2013

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Present: 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Briefing Items

1. **13-0203** I-502 Recreational Cannabis Interim Regulations

Mayor Strickland announced the first topic is a presentation on interim regulations for recreational cannabis and called on Brian Boudet, Planning and Development Services. Mr. Boudet provided introductory comments on Initiative 502, passed by 55 percent of Washington voters. He reviewed state rules, including the Licensing Program, protection of sensitive uses, limited production and retail, security and tracking, advertising, quality control, and State taxation. He noted eight retail outlets will be allowed in Tacoma; then reviewed local response options for licensing, enforcement, and land use.

Mr. Boudet reviewed cannabis production, processing, and allowance in intensive industrial zones; retail sale of the finished product, sensitive use buffering, and preliminary mapping. Discussion ensued regarding how the retail stores will be operated versus the state-run liquor stores, state buffer zones, access for those who need marijuana for medical purposes, anticipated retail sales tax revenue, Pierce County's current stand on recreational marijuana, disposal of remnants from production and processing, definitions of sensitive uses, and mixed-use centers.

Mr. Boudet briefly reviewed the Planning Commission's recommendations; then concluded with the upcoming schedule for Council consideration, stating a public hearing will be held at tonight's business meeting, followed by first and final reading of the ordinance tentatively scheduled for October 29 and November 5, 2013. He noted the Liquor Control Board (LCB) rules are to be effective November 16, 2013 and the LCB will begin to accept applications on November 18, 2013.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Agenda Review

Mayor Strickland called upon City Manager T.C. Broadnax for a review of tonight's Council agenda. Mr. Broadnax stated there will be one recognition, recognizing the 20th Anniversary of Neighbor's Park; two proclamations, proclaiming October 22, 2013 as Joesepi's Senior Softball Team Day, and proclaiming October 2013 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and one introduction of new Municipal Court Administrator Michelle Petrich. He stated there are no changes to the published agenda, and a public hearing will be held tonight on the proposed interim land use regulations for recreational marijuana.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk