



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

May 15, 2018

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:10 p.m.

Present: 8 - Beale, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Council Member Blocker arrived at 12:12 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [18-0506](#) Six-Year Financial Forecast

At approximately 12:10 p.m., Katie Johnston, Budget Manager, Office of Management and Budget, made opening remarks and provided the Six-Year Financial Forecast for the General Fund and other significant funds in the General Government, including creating a good budget and the long range forecast.

Council Member Blocker arrived here, at 12:12 p.m.

Ms. Johnston reviewed the budget process; General Fund revenues, including all General Fund and major General Fund revenues; General Fund expenses, noting expenditure assumptions, total General Fund expenses, and personnel, maintenance and operations, fixed costs, and debt service. She further reviewed the General Fund forecast, noting average percent growth of revenue and expense and an updated General Fund forecast; and considerations, including related special revenue trends, enterprise funds, asset management, other considerations, priority areas, and the 2019-2020 projection. Ms. Johnston concluded on alternatives, noting considerations on taxes, fees, and debt; revenue alternatives; and the budget process.

Discussion ensued regarding revenue alternatives, asset management, revenue projections, and expenditure assumptions.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Committee Reports

Council Member Mello stated he and Mayor Woodards attended the Pierce Transit Board meeting on May 14, 2018. At the meeting the Board launched the new Lyft program, noting the service will provide the community with first and last mile connections to the Pierce Transit system. He stated a decision was also made to have partners provide people in need all-day passes at a 50 percent reduction, which will provide greater access to opportunity.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

2. [18-0507](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, May 10, 2018

City Manager Pauli stated there are two proclamations, proclaiming May 2018 as Mental Health Month and the week of May 20-26, 2018 as National Public Works Week. There is a requested change to tonight's agenda with a motion to remove Resolution No. 40002 related to the submittal of the 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and there will also be a possible amendment to Ordinance No. 28511 related to the Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea Plan.

Executive Session - Pending Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation, not to exceed 10 minutes, in Room 148.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:04 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre and Deputy City Attorneys Margaret Elofson and Michael Smith were present.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:14 p.m.

Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a and b) to discuss labor negotiations, not to exceed 5 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

The Council convened to Closed Session at 1:14 p.m., City Attorney Bill Fosbre was present.

The Closed Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:19 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk