



# City of Tacoma

## Committee of the Whole Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

9th Floor Visibility Center

**August 05, 2014**

**3:00 PM**

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### Call To Order

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

**Present:** 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker and Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Woodards

### Briefing Items

1. **14-0678**

Legistar Automation Update

Wendy Fowler, City Clerk's Office, provided a brief overview of the automation of City Council agendas through Legistar, stating the software was first implemented one year ago. She noted the four meetings already using the software are the City Council business meetings, study sessions, Committee of the Whole meetings, and Transportation Benefit District Governing Board meetings. She then provided a timeline for automation of the five Standing Committees, stating the first agenda in the new format will be the August 12, 2014 Economic Development Committee and agendas will be produced in both the current and new formats for testing and feedback prior to full implementation the first week of September 2014.

### Council Consideration Requests

2. **14-0679**

Animal Control Code Revision

Council Member Mello stated it has been brought to his attention that the current Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) could be enhanced by including provisions on adequate standards of care for animals, and such standards would ensure that animals are provided with food appropriate for the animal, clean water that is accessible to the animal, and dry, safe and protective shelter. He noted a revision to the Code will provide more tools for Animal Control officers to use to protect animal welfare in Tacoma. He requested Council consideration to have staff review and update the TMC, noting the requested review and potential Code modifications should be coordinated through the Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee.

**3. 14-0680** Associated Ministries' Building Renovation

Council Member Walker stated she is requesting Council support to have the City Manager prepare a donation agreement to contribute \$65,000 from the Council Contingency Fund, to support the final phase of Associated Ministries' capital campaign which will enable the organization to complete building renovations on a new direct service center and office space. She noted the City's funding would be contingent on Associated Ministries' securing the other funds needed in donations to complete the project before the City releases the funds. She provided some background information on Associated Ministries' services and programs. Discussion ensued regarding Associated Ministries' fundraising to-date and where the funds have come from, and what other funding sources are available for them.

## **Committee Reports**

Council Member Mello stated the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency is moving a program to Tacoma for diesel truck engine replacements, and recently they have also been discussing outdoor burn bans and have been working on strategic plans. He then reported on the Pierce County Flood Control Zone District, noting they approved their slate of capital projects and the Tacoma Waste Water Treatment Flood Wall is included.

Council Member Walker stated she attended the Washington State Housing Advisory Board meeting last week and the Growth Management Act was discussed, noting it is time for many cities and counties to conduct assessments and update language. She also provided an update on a recent coordination meeting with Metro Parks, noting People's Pool and the Eastside Community Center projects were discussed.

Council Member Lonergan reported on the recent Pierce County Regional Council meeting noting funding recommendations were discussed.

Council Member Boe reported on the Puget Sound Regional Council, noting the Schuster Parkway promenade scored well during prioritization. He noted other boards he sits on, including Forever Green Trails, the Cross District Association, and the Tacoma Arts Commission have been on summer recess.

Council Member Campbell thanked City Manager Broadnax and staff for the District 4 budget meeting held recently.

Council Member Ibsen stated the Joint Municipal Action Committee has recently discussed budget and mental health funding.

Mayor Strickland stated the Sound Transit Board is working on long-range planning for ST-3.

Discussion ensued regarding special event permitting and beer gardens, and clarification that no action has been taken on them, they have been simply discussed to-date.

### **Other Items of Interest**

Council Member Mello stated he has heard concerns regarding Tacoma Police being unable to take non-violent criminals to Pierce County Jail even if the jail is not at capacity, and asked staff to look into it.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk