



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

October 08, 2013

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Present: 7 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Boe and Mello

Council Members Boe and Mello arrived at 12:17 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. **13-0132** South Sound 911 Update

Mayor Strickland announced the first topic is a briefing on South Sound 911 to include the transition accomplishments from the Law Enforcement Support Agency (LESA), and the communications center performance standards and expectations. She then called upon South Sound 911 Executive Director, Andrew Neiditz. Mr. Neiditz reviewed interoperability, expectations, governance, the Policy Board and the Operations Board, and the current organizational structure and number of employees.

Council Member Mello arrived here, at 12:17 p.m.

Mr. Neiditz reviewed a summary of South Sound 911's final budget for 2014, communications and information services provided and agencies served, engagement with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, quality assurance for the communications center; significant service improvements, agency partnerships, and areas that have room for improvement, including citizen on-line reporting. He then reviewed 911 upgrade projects, including computer-aided dispatch, voice logging recorder, phone system, radio infrastructure; and the facility infrastructure project: a proposed hybrid campus model to house all communications operations. He noted a site has not been identified yet. Discussion ensued regarding if it is necessary to have two separate locations for dispatch in the event of a natural disaster or emergency, and the potential to include Fire and EMS information services.

2. 13-0131 Encampment Site Clean-Up Program

Mayor Strickland stated the next topic is an update on the Encampment Site Clean-Up Program. Assistant City Manager Tansy Hayward provided introductory remarks. Colin DeForrest, Neighborhood and Community Services, provided background information on Housing First encampment elimination. He then reviewed GIS mapping of encampments in Tacoma, the revised clean-up process, priorities, and the four phases of the process, including identification and prioritization, clean-ups, monitoring, and positive community monitoring and site hardening. Mr. DeForrest reviewed progress to-date; then concluded with next steps, including implementing proactive and sustainable monitoring plans, connecting individuals to new housing opportunities, and increased response time, safety, and efficiency. Discussion ensued regarding the individuals who prefer to stay in the encampments, services available and how the mental health dollars are being incorporated into the services, the methodology used for counting the chronically homeless, homeless services offered by other cities, finding creative and attractive ways for site hardening where possible rather than using chain link fencing and barbed wire, and how the City is partnering with other agencies to clean encampment sites on non-City owned property.

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 are two proclamations, proclaiming October 10, 2013 as Humane Society Day, and proclaiming October 12, 2013 as Arbor Day and Green Tacoma Day. He stated there will be Citizens' Forum tonight, and there are no changes to the published agenda.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk