City of Tacoma
City Council Study Session Minutes

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July 02, 2024
12:00 PM

Change of Location

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Scott

Council Member Diaz initially participated virtually, and arrived in-person at 12:09 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. **24-0702** Proposed Charter Amendments Review
[Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

At approximately 12:05 p.m., City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided a brief overview of the proposed City Charter amendments, including proposed revisions to the City Charter Review Committee amendment related to reorganization of government.

Discussion ensued regarding grammatical edits, clarification on all updates, and language around term limits for Council Members and Mayor.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided further information on the revised timeline and potential motions for proposed Charter amendments.

Discussion ensued regarding proposed motion language; restrictions; next steps; calendar updates; “For” and “Against” Committee timelines, requirements, and qualifications; and effective dates for amendments.

2. **24-0703** Pierce County Auditor - Ballot Procedures and Logistics
[Mayor Woodards]

This item was addressed later in the meeting.

Other Items of Interest

3. **24-0704** Council Consideration Request - South End Neighborhood Council Block Party and Resource Fair Sponsorship
[Council Member Bushnell]

Council Member Bushnell presented a Council Consideration Request to allocate $10,000 of Council Contingency Funds to support the South End Neighborhood Council (SENCo) Block Party and Resource Fair, which will provide 300 free meals to community attendees; include South End and culturally relevant music; and representatives from the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, Safe Streets, Tacoma Public Library, Trust for Public Land, Impact Elementary, Pierce Conservation District, and others will host booths at the event and provide the community resources. He concluded by stating that the resolution will support the SENCo event by providing stage equipment, sound system, special event insurance, picnic ware, and more.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. **24-0705** Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, June 27, 2024
[Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are two ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, proclaiming July 2024 as LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month, and a presentation of the 2023-2024 Mayor's Youth Commission Annual Report. She concluded by stating no changes are expected to tonight's agenda, and tonight's meeting includes a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the City Charter.

Executive Session - Evaluate the Qualifications of a Candidate for Appointment to Elective Office & Pending Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to convene to executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) to discuss pending litigation and evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office, not to exceed 60 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Scott

The City Council convened to executive session at 12:50 p.m.
City Attorney Chris Bacha was present.

The executive session was extended by 60 minutes at 1:51 p.m.

The executive session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 3:11 p.m.

Briefing Items

4A. 24-1382 Pierce County Auditor - Ballot Procedures and Logistics
[Mayor Woodards]

At approximately 3:11 p.m., Mayor Woodards provided opening remarks regarding ballot procedures and logistics and introduced Linda Farmer, Auditor, and Kyle Haugh, Elections Manager, Pierce County. Haugh presented the 2004 and 2014 Tacoma City Charter Amendment voter turnout; 2022 Metro Parks Tacoma proposition voter turnout; ballot order, noting fire levy measure; the ballot, noting the 2014 ballot, 2024 sample ballot, state requirements and design, and options to have two ballot cards; and voters' pamphlet, noting cost.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding registered voters; cost and procedure for two ballot cards; font size; envelope amount; clarification on costs for pamphlets; strategy, noting extra page for Charter amendments; amount of words for ballot titles, noting limit; voter fatigue; number of Charter amendments in previous years; contingent ballot measure and word

length; option for amendments going forward on another year, including prioritizing process for this year; and appreciation for Pierce County and the discussion.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

for Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk