



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

November 01, 2016

12:00 PM

Change of Location - City Council Chambers

Call to Order

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

Present: 7 - Blocker, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Campbell and Thoms

Council Member Campbell arrived at 12:10 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [16-1060](#) Budget Work Session - Tacoma Municipal Court Presentation

At approximately 12:08 p.m., Presiding Judge David Ladenburg, Tacoma Municipal Court, provided an overview of the Tacoma Municipal Court, including the mission statement, organizational structure, and 2015-2016 major accomplishments.

Council Member Campbell arrived here, at 12:10 p.m.

Judge Ladenburg reviewed the proposed 2017-2018 budget, including goals and enhancements.

Discussion ensued regarding technology updates, and utilization of the Mental Health Calendar.

2. [16-1061](#) Budget Work Session - Community and Economic Development Department Presentation

At approximately 12:30 p.m., Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development, provided an overview of the Community and Economic Development Department, including the mission statement, organizational structure, 2015-2016 major accomplishments, and goals.

Mr. Noguera reviewed the proposed 2017-2018 budget, including enhancements, equity in budgeting, and future initiatives.

Discussion ensued regarding Class A office space, business retention and recruitment, reducing barriers, promoting the City, and industrial opportunities available in South Tacoma.

The study session recessed at 1:20 p.m., and reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

3. [16-1062](#) Budget Work Session - Tacoma Public Library Presentation

At approximately 1:35 p.m., Susan Odencrantz, Director, Tacoma Public Library, provided an overview of the Tacoma Public Library, including the mission statement, organizational structure, 2015-2016 major accomplishments, and proposed goals. Ms. Odencrantz reviewed the proposed 2017-2018 budget including operating and capital enhancements, and equity in budgeting.

Discussion ensued regarding saving public libraries, and student library cards.

4. [16-1063](#) Budget Work Session - Neighborhood and Community Services Department Presentation

At approximately 2:24 p.m., Nadia Chandler Hardy, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services, provided an overview of the Neighborhood and Community Services Department, including the mission statement, organizational structure, 2015-2016 major accomplishments, and goals. Ms. Chandler Hardy reviewed the proposed 2017-2018 budget including General Fund expenditures, Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Tax, Mental Health Fund revenues and expenses, reductions, enhancements, policy alignment, community needs assessment priorities, human services business model, homelessness in Tacoma and Pierce County, systems development, 2017-2018 community mobilization funding, 2017-2018 sustained contracts, and the quality of life continuum.

Discussion ensued regarding encampment cleanups, advertising services, tools and resources to address homelessness, and the current increase in gang and criminal activity.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Ibsen provided information on a potential amendment to Resolution No. 39577, relative to Click! Network, that may be considered on tonight's agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed changes in language.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

5. [16-1064](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, October 27, 2016

T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated that there are two proclamations on tonight's agenda proclaiming November 1, 2016 as Student Government Day, and November 2016 as Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month. He stated there is a potential amendment to Resolution No. 39577, and indicated there are three public hearings on tonight's agenda.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk