



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers
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January 23, 2024

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Absent: 2 - Scott and Ushka

Council Member Scott arrived at 12:01 p.m.

Council Member Diaz participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [24-0079](#) Anti-Displacement Strategy Update
[Jacques Colon, Chief Strategy Officer; Ted Richardson, Strategic Initiatives Program Coordinator, Office of Strategy; Council Member Walker]

At approximately 12:00 p.m., Jacques Colon, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of Strategy, introduced Ted Richardson, Strategic Initiatives Program Coordinator, Office of Strategy.

Council Member Scott arrived here, at 12:01 p.m.

Colon provided background on the City's Anti-Displacement Strategy (ADS), noting why the City has developed a strategy; agenda; and the vision, mission, and values. Richardson continued with guiding principles and metrics; types of displacement, noting physical, economic, and cultural; geography of displacement; indicators, noting high risk neighborhood characteristics and those most at risk; and displacement and race. He further outlined the ADS objectives, including to create more homes for more people, noting affordability incentives and down payment assistance; keep housing affordable and in good repair, noting single family home repairs for low-income homeowners and financial support for landlords; help people stay in their homes and communities, noting utility assistance and tenant

relocation; and reduce barriers for those who often experience them, noting community prioritization and housing and land reparations. Colon concluded with next steps, noting Rental Housing Code outreach and 2024 Comprehensive Plan update; and appreciation from Council, staff, and the community.

Council Member Walker presented a Council Contingency Request to support a resolution affirming and adopting the ADS as a guide for options regarding how the City can address displacement of residents from their homes and communities. She concluded by stating that a resolution will be brought forward at the City Council meeting on February 6, 2024.

Discussion ensued regarding baseline data for success, achievements, and expectations; amount of affordable units already created; rate and scope of tracking data; current indicators of displacement, noting prioritizing actions; community land trust, noting examples in other cities, homestead community land trust, and Pierce County community land trust; homeownership efforts; multi-departmental collaboration; numbers aligning with Affordable Housing Action Strategy and collaboration with developers; fiscal impacts, noting projections, timelines, and priorities; potential ideas, including anti-displacement tax fund for legacy residency to help residents with property tax; and policy limitations.

Other Items of Interest

2. [24-0086](#) Council Consideration Request - Raising Girls Sponsorship
[Council Member Daniels]

Council Member Daniels presented a Council Consideration Request to allocate \$10,000 of Council Contingency Funds to sponsor Raising Girls' effort to provide winter care bags that include full size hygiene supplies, menstrual products, and warm winter items for 500 students at Tacoma schools. She stated the bags will be compiled and distributed by Raising Girls to elementary, middle, and high schools with a focus on meeting the needs of low-income students. She concluded that the winter care bags aim to improve the health and well-being of students, encourage school attendance, and promote pride and dignity among young people.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation to Council Member Daniels for bringing forward the year's first Council Contingency Fund request and reminding the Council these are a shared and a limited resource and a more robust conversation on the process will take place at a later date, and information on participation to volunteer in helping fill the warm winter bags.

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Mayor Woodards stated that she has been working to identify ways to improve the safety of our community when it comes to Kia and Hyundai vehicles, and on December 21, 2023, a letter was sent to the Federal delegation asking for support of the City's request that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration issue a recall of 2011–2021 Kia models and 2015–2021 Hyundai models. She further stated that on January 12, 2024, a letter was sent to Hyundai corporate leaders to explore a partnership event to improve safety in our community, and staff along with Tacoma Police Department will work with Hyundai to coordinate an event.

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Mayor Woodards provided a high-level overview of the agenda for the Council Workshop on Friday, January 26, 2024, as a half-day workshop focusing on building strong foundations for the year ahead. She continued outlining, noting the workshop will include a group activity to strengthen the relationships between the Council and City executive staff.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [24-0080](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, January 18, 2024
[Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are no ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, no changes are expected, and tonight's meeting includes community forum.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk