



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

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June 08, 2021

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Beale, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Deputy Mayor Blocker arrived at 12:14 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [21-0562](#) Home in Tacoma Initiative Discussion

At approximately 12:02 p.m., Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services, presented on the Home in Tacoma Project, including an overview and request for City Council guidance on the review process and timeline, background, proposed next steps, information available online at www.cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma, upcoming public information sessions, and staff contacts.

Discussion ensued regarding providing additional time for City Council review.

Deputy Mayor Blocker arrived here, at 12:14 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding management, analysis, and impact of public comments; proposed timelines for review, public hearings, and City Council discussion and consideration; urgency of the housing crisis; consideration of design standards in both phases; historic inequities; encouraging higher density in underdeveloped areas; public sentiment and trust; the original

recommendations and revisions now under consideration; changes to the original timeline; clarifying the purpose, process, phases, and timelines for the community; outreach to marginalized communities; an option for a Committee of the Whole discussion; and next steps for staff to prioritize specific issues.

2. [21-0563](#) American Rescue Plan Fund Update

At approximately 1:22 p.m., Reid Bennion, Lead Budget Analyst, Finance, presented an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund, including an agenda, uses for \$61 million of direct City funding, the structure and objectives for direct City assistance, ARPA spending objectives, proposed distributions for 2021, Council Committee alignment, the proposed reporting structure, and a timeline for next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the upcoming legislation, tracking and reporting fund usage, items for immediate action, Council Member priorities and specific projects, funding to address homelessness and housing, the housing tax, restoring Tacoma Public Library funding, additional briefings at upcoming Standing Committee meetings, and City Council approval of the funding buckets.

Other Items of Interest

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Mayor Woodards stated that a motion is proposed for tonight's meeting, to move Resolution No. 40795, related to appointments to the Heal the Heart Core Coordinating Team, from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

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3. [21-0565](#) Amendment to the six-year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program

Council Member Beale presented a proposed motion to amend Ordinance No. 28769 at tonight's meeting, noting that it will be added to the final reading of the ordinance next week, and described the addition of six projects.

Discussion ensued regarding the scope of specific projects.

3a. [21-0576](#) Manuel Ellis Update

Fred Scruggs, Assistant Police Chief, Tacoma Police Department (TPD), presented an update on the Manuel Ellis case, noting the Washington State Attorney General’s decision to charge three TPD officers, the City’s process to request information from investigative bodies, issuance of a notice of investigation to the officers, receipt of investigative packets from the Washington State Patrol and Pierce County Sheriff’s Department, and communications with the Attorney General’s Office. City Manager Elizabeth Pauli further stated that written updates will also be provided to the City Council and posted on the City website.

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Council Member Walker stated the City will recognize City of Tacoma Pride Month in July with a flag-raising ceremony on July 9, 2021, and that she attended the Pierce Transit flag-raising event earlier today in recognition of National Pride Month.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [21-0567](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, June 3, 2021

City Manager Pauli stated there are three ceremonials on tonight’s agenda, a recognition of Sue Dreier, Chief Executive Officer, Pierce Transit; a recognition of Vaccine Bookers of Washington by Compassionate Tacoma; and a presentation on systems transformation; that Resolution No. 40795, regarding appointments to the Heal the Heart Core Coordinating Team, will be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda; and that Community Forum will be held during tonight’s meeting.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk