



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

September 29, 2015

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:05 p.m.

Present: 6 - Boe, Campbell, Lonergan, Mello, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 3 - Ibsen, Thoms and Walker

Council Member Walker arrived at 12:09 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [15-1008](#) Federal Legislative Updates

At approximately 12:06 p.m., Len Simon, Federal Lobbyist, Simon and Company, provided brief comments regarding a recent meeting relative to putting together a funding strategy for the Eastside Recreation Center.

Council Member Walker arrived here, at 12:09 p.m.

Mr. Simon provided highlights on recent events in the United States Congress, including turmoil in the House Republican Caucus causing the resignation of the Speaker of the House. Mr. Simon then provided information from the President's budget related to appropriations bills, raising sequestration levels, a short-term continuing resolution and Planned Parenthood funding. He discussed Tacoma's projects being funded, available grants, appropriations, and funding of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery program, proposed repatriation, and proposed withholding of certain program funds. Discussion ensued throughout regarding continuing resolution, appropriations, and the Community Development Block Grant program.

2. [15-1009](#) Live/Work and Work/Live Proposed Code Amendment Recommendations

At approximately 12:40 p.m., Brian Boudet, Sue Coffman, and Molly Harris, Planning and Development Services, presented an overview of proposed live/work and work/live code amendments, including goals, definitions, project scope, results of consultant study, proposed land use code, development incentives, proposed building code, offsite improvements, and next steps. Danielle Larson, Tax and License, discussed license fee structure and application process. Discussion ensued regarding number of potential units, the existing building code, changes to the mezzanine code, building valuation, and public feedback.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Committee Reports

Council Member Mello stated that he presented to the Community Council on Proposition Nos. 3 and A last week. He also stated that Korbett Mosesly, Carol Milgard Breast Center, will be working with the Community Council on outreach strategies.

Deputy Mayor Boe requested staff provide the PowerPoint presented at this morning's Economic Development Committee meeting, relative to office and industrial real estate market strengths and opportunities in Tacoma and Pierce County, to the full Council.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [15-1010](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, September 24, 2015

At approximately 1:13 p.m., City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli, stated at tonight's meeting there will be two proclamations, proclaiming October 2015 as Tacoma Arts Month, and Filipino American History Month. Ms. Pauli also stated that there will be a public hearing at tonight's meeting.

Executive Session - Potential Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 10 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Boe, Campbell, Lonergan, Mello, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Ibsen and Thoms

The Council convened to Executive Session at 2:25 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli, Chief Deputy City Attorney Bill Fosbre, and Deputy City Attorney Chris Bacha were present.

The Executive Session was extended by 10 minutes at 2:35 p.m., and 2:45 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:55 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk