



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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May 02, 2023

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 3 - Blocker, Daniels and Ushka

Council Member Blocker arrived at 12:00 p.m.

Council Member Daniels arrived at 12:02 p.m.

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Council Member Blocker arrived here, at 12:00 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [23-0452](#) Historic Preservation Annual Update

At approximately 12:01 p.m., Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, Planning and Development Services (PDS), the Historic Preservation Program annual update, including an overview and background.

Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 12:02 p.m.

McKnight continued by reviewing the 2022-2023 historic preservation goals and initiatives; program highlights and achievements; and the Landmarks Preservation Commission year in review, noting activities, objectives, and major projects. Susan Johnson, Historic Preservation Analyst, PDS, presented the events for Historic Preservation Month, noting the theme of "People Saving Places". McKnight concluded by summarizing upcoming 2023 programs and events; 2023-2024 program initiatives; tribal coordination, noting interim and long term steps; and the Comprehensive Plan and code.

Discussion ensued regarding historic nominations, noting the difference between residential and commercial nominations; redevelopment and renovations; increased engagement with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians; historic programming; community partner opportunities; and design guidelines in historic districts.

2. [23-0453](#) Tacoma Anchor Network's Update

At approximately 12:26 p.m., Jacques Colon, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of Strategy, provided opening remarks on the Tacoma Anchor Network (TAN), including development of the Tacoma 2025 strategic plan; steps to complete shared goals, noting livable wage jobs, education, and economic development; the role of the City and the TAN, noting the desire to come together for a resilient local economy; and appreciation for staff, elected officials, and TAN members. Danny Fisher-Bruns, independent consultant, presented the TAN update, including an agenda; the definition of an anchor institution; and examples of anchor institutes, including Cleveland, Ohio and Newark, New Jersey. He continued by providing details about the TAN, including a brief history; current members; the vision; the mission; current working groups; 2023 work plans within the working groups, noting as the work gets deeper, the TAN partners are driving the work; and concluded by stating the group is having challenging conversations, and benefiting from shared leadership. TAN partner representatives Doug Baxter-Jenkins, Community Health Division Director, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health, and Abigail Vizcarra Perez, Equity Outreach Program Coordinator, Metro Parks Tacoma, provided perspectives on the value of working as a network, including using TAN as a conduit to move things forward, noting the COVID-19 pandemic; bringing large institutions together to build trust; making conversations possible; identifying niche roles through an extensive network; sharing strategies to build tools; and help create and effect change, noting pride in TAN and that members rely on it every day. Colon concluded by acknowledging and thanking all TAN partners, and emphasizing that the TAN brings people together to best serve the community and provides an established venue to bring shared challenges and priorities, and allows partners to develop their coordination together.

Discussion ensued regarding regional collaboration, how to join TAN, support for TAN's role in addressing community concerns, and appreciation for Deputy Mayor Walker's role in TAN.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

- 3. [23-0454](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, April 27, 2023

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are four proclamations on tonight’s meeting agenda, proclaiming, April 30 – May 6, 2023 as National Small Business Week; proclaiming May 2023 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month; proclaiming May 2023 as Bike Month; and proclaiming May 2023 as Historic Preservation Month; as well as a presentation of the American Public Works Association Project of the Year Sustainability Award. She concluded by stating that no changes are expected to tonight’s agenda.

Executive Session - Review the Qualifications of a Public Employee

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to convene to an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the qualifications of a public employee, not to exceed 90 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

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The study session recessed at 1:11 p.m.

The study session reconvened at 1:19 p.m.

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The City Council convened to Executive Session at 1:19 p.m.
City Attorney Bill Fosbre was present.

The Executive Session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 2:49 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk