



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 894 9617 1192

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May 09, 2023

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:13 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Council Member Ushka participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [23-0486](#) Budget Review and Updates

At approximately 12:14 p.m., Katie Johnston, Budget Officer, Office of Management and Budget, presented the budget update agenda and overview.

The study session recessed at 12:16 p.m.

The study session reconvened at 12:39 p.m.

Johnston continued the budget review and updates including a 2022 year-end overview, noting General Fund revenue and variances; 2022 year-end position; the re-appropriation process, noting the purpose and a summary; and an update on 2021-2022 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, noting financial and project updates. She concluded with a review of the 2023 first quarter including General Fund, major revenue categories; and the future outlook, noting trends and the debt ceiling.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for the presentation and expectations, budget projections in comparison to amounts received, license and permit billing categories, revenue variance and trends, projects budgeted versus emergent needs, the reserve account, completed and continued ARPA projects, property taxes, projections, and seasonal trends.

Other Items of Interest

2. [23-0487](#) Council Consideration Request - Youth Violence Reduction Funding

Council member Daniels presented a Council Consideration Request to allocate \$300,000 of Council Contingency Funds to support youth violence reduction, noting that \$200,000 will be for safe space for youth and \$100,000 will be for youth programming for the summer of 2023; the devastating impact of gun violence in our country and in Tacoma; the disparity of those impacts on Black youth, especially boys; affirming the City of Tacoma's ongoing commitment to decreasing violence in our community; and directing the City Manager to implement a range of immediate actions related to bolstering community safety and the wellbeing of Tacoma's youth.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for Council Member Daniels' leadership and how important it is for youth to feel safe.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [23-0488](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, May 4, 2023

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are three proclamations and one recognition on tonight's meeting agenda, proclaiming May 12-13, 2023, as Tacoma Garden Club Days; proclaiming May 14-20, 2023, as National Police Week, and proclaiming May 2023 as Hunger Awareness Month; and a Compassionate Tacoma recognition to the organizers and officers leading the Gun Bye-Back Program. She further stated that no changes are expected to tonight's agenda and that tonight's meeting includes Community Forum.

Executive Session - Potential Litigation

The Executive Session was not held.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk