



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

March 24, 2015

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:10 p.m.

Present: 7 - Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Campbell and Thoms

Council Member Campbell arrived at 12:13 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [15-0294](#) Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Updates

Craig Kenworthy, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, stated Pierce County is the first community that had any wood smoke component reach attainment status after being placed in non-attainment status in 2009, noting attainment was reached years ahead of the projected deadline.

Council Member Campbell arrived here, at 12:13 p.m.

He then provided an update on air quality, including Pierce County's attainment status, the definition of attainment, the Tacoma-Pierce County smoke reduction zone, the definition of fine particles, air quality effects on health, fine particle levels in Pierce County versus the federal standard, the history of air quality in the Puget Sound, and next steps. He concluded by thanking everyone involved in achieving attainment status, and the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency's strategic plan. Discussion ensued regarding whether blood tests can reveal particulate matter pollution in the lungs, whether federal standards for fine particulate levels will change, the impact of weather on federal standards, state funding for wood stove change-out, emissions from non-wood sources, contributing factors to achieving attainment, outreach and education efforts, steps needed to maintain attainment status, whether forest fires affect particulate levels, and whether wood stoves are allowed in new construction.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

2. [15-0295](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, March 19, 2015

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated at tonight's Council meeting there will be a recognition of Dr. Dung Xuan Nguyen for his leadership in support of the Vietnamese-American Community of Tacoma-Pierce County. He noted there are no changes to the published agenda.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk