



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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July 09, 2024

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:16 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Briefing Items

1. [24-0721](#) Proposed Charter Amendments Public Hearing Debrief
[Sonja Hallum, Chief Government Affairs Officer]

At approximately 12:17 p.m., Sonja Hallum, Chief Government Affairs Officer, City Manager's Office, provided a debrief on the public hearing for the proposed City Charter amendments, including total number of public comments received and top topics, noting form of government, policing accountability, placing all the Charter Review Committee proposed amendments on the ballot, Climate Commission, full-time council, term limits, and fiscal impact statements.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for staff.

2. [24-0720](#) Proposed Charter Amendments Review
[Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

At approximately 12:24 p.m., City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided a brief review of the proposed Charter amendments, including updates to form of government, potential motions, and process.

Discussion ensued regarding timelines; ballot order; amendments through other processes, including ordinances or next years ballot; sample ballot and titles; companion amendments and resolutions; and effective dates.

3. [24-0723](#) Council Appointment Process
[Mayor Woodards]

At approximately 12:39 p.m., Mayor Woodards gave opening remarks on the District No. 4 Council appointment process, including the Council will interview six applicants and each applicant will answer questions given in advance, as well as questions from the Council.

Discussion ensued regarding interview order, proposing a random selection instead of alphabetical order.

Other Items of Interest

4. [24-0725](#) State of Washington Department of Ecology Letter
[Mayor Woodards]

Mayor Woodards presented a Council Consideration Request for a letter to the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) in support of clean-up of the WestRock paper mill site, including the process to be done in multiple phases. She concluded by stating the sooner clean-up can get started, the sooner the building and location will be available for another company and the contamination will be gone.

Discussion ensued regarding proposed phases; who certifies the site is cleaned-up; comparison with Occidental Chemical Inc. site clean-up or any other polluted sites; Port of Tacoma involvement; background on the three companies responsible for the clean-up; types of contamination, noting impacts on the surrounding areas; inviting the DOE to speak to the Council about the toxins; process for community communication; Public Utility Board member interest and involvement; clean-up action plan; and timeline.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

5. [24-0722](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, July 5, 2024
[Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are no ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, no changes are expected, and tonight's meeting includes community forum.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.



for Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Nicole Emery, City Clerk