



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

September 26, 2017

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Thoms called the study session to order at 12:04 p.m.

Present: 6 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello and Thoms

Absent: 3 - Ibsen, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Council Member Walker Lee arrived at 12:08 p.m. and

Council Member Ibsen arrived at 12:10 p.m.

Briefing Items

There were no Briefing Items.

Other Items of Interest

1. [17-0979](#) Council Consideration Request - Expedition of Transportation Projects in Tacoma
At approximately 12:04 p.m., Deputy Mayor Thoms presented a Council Consideration Request on behalf of Mayor Strickland, requesting to direct the City Manager to work with Pierce Transit to conduct a feasibility study to analyze a fast foot ferry from Tacoma to Seattle. He stated the goals are to have the City Manager work with City partners, review Kitsap Transit's efforts with a similar request, reach out to the Washington State Department of Transportation, and better coordinate with local partners to better the South Sound.

Council Member Walker Lee arrived here, at 12:08 p.m.

Council Member Mello stated that he supports the feasibility study to analyze a fast foot ferry and a resolution before the City Council soon, and asked the City Manager to move forward and additionally work with Sound Transit and Public Works on the permitting process.

Council Member Ibsen arrived here, at 12:10 p.m.

Council Member Mello reviewed next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding expanding Pierce Transit's bus routes, asking Sound Transit and Pierce Transit what the City can do differently now, time and staffing needs for expediting projects, and the need for exploring the fast foot ferry option.

Committee Reports

Council Member Lonergan stated the Pierce County Regional Council reviewed the Centers of Local Importance checklist used for application submittals and an updated Centers map, that are used to set criteria and Countywide project evaluations.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

2. [17-0980](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, September 21, 2017
City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are two proclamations on tonight's agenda proclaiming October 2017 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month and Tacoma Arts Month, and there are no expected changes.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Robert Thoms, Deputy Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk