



# City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

August 16, 2016

12:00 PM

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## JOINT MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD

### Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the joint study session to order at 12:06 p.m.

**Present:** 6 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 3 - Blocker, Mello and Thoms

Public Utility Board Members Present: 5 - Flint, Jones, Larkin, Patterson and Trudnowski

Council Member Thoms arrived at 12:30 p.m.

### Joint City Council/Public Utility Board Briefing Items

1. [16-0788](#) Click! Updates

At approximately 12:08 p.m., Bill Gaines, Director, Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU), introduced Tenzin Gyaltsen and Chris Robinson, TPU. Mr. Gyaltsen discussed the Click! Engagement Committee, and provided a summary of findings and recommendations of the Committee. Discussion ensued regarding the potential funding models.

Council Member Thoms arrived here, at 12:30 p.m.

Mayor Strickland provided an overview of Click! Network including background, timeline, the All-In model, the Click! Engagement Committee, key issues, policy considerations, potential models and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding the future of Click! Network, the financial analysis, the Committee process and findings, future trends in broadband, internet as a utility, potential funding models, the biennial budget, potential legal risks, protecting the citizens, number of current cable customers, growth models, and market shares.

Mayor Strickland concluded by reading a letter submitted by Click! Engagement Committee Member Janine Terrano. Discussion continued regarding the Committee meetings, a proposed ballot measure, proposed ratepayer fees, the timeline, and a recently held Community Solar Project held by TPU.

## **Executive Session - Potential Litigation**

**MOTION: Council Member Woodards moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 20 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Mello

The joint portion of the study session was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

The Council convened to Executive Session at 2:10 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli and Chief Deputy City Attorney Bill Fosbre were present.

The Executive Session was extended by 10 minutes at 2:30 p.m, and 2:40 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:50 p.m.

## **City Council Briefing Items**

2. [16-0786](#) Council Consideration Request - Peace Community Center Capital Campaign

At approximately 2:51 p.m., Council Member McCarthy presented a Council Consideration Request relative to the Peace Community Center Capital Campaign, and requesting \$50,000 from the City Council Contingency Fund.

Discussion ensued regarding a contingency on funds being released.

3. [16-0787](#) Council Consideration Request - 11th Street Murray Morgan Bridge Plaque

At approximately 2:55 p.m., Council Member McCarthy presented a Council Consideration Request relative to the 11th Street Murray Morgan Bridge, and requesting up to \$5,000 from the City Council Contingency Fund to install a plaque commemorating the 100th year anniversary of the 1916 west coast longshore union strike.

### Other Items of Interest

T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, provided information on a recently received grant related to streetscape, design and planning efforts associated with the LINK Light Rail Expansion in the Hilltop neighborhood. He stated a citizen committee will be created to support the project that will be comprised of 13 members.

Discussion ensued regarding the inclusion of Centro Latino on the citizen committee.

### Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports.

### Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [16-0785](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, August 11, 2016

City Manager Broadnax stated there are no proclamations, recognitions, changes or announcements on tonight's agenda

### Executive Session - Potential Litigation

There was no Executive Session held.

### Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk