



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

June 19, 2018

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Present: 6 - Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 3 - Beale, Ibsen and McCarthy

Council Member Beale arrived at 12:09 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [18-0661](#) Department of Ecology's Tacoma Smelter Plume Project Update

At approximately 12:07 p.m., Lihuang Wung, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services, made opening remarks and introduced Marian Abbett, Project Manager, and Amy Hargrove, Remediation Manager, Washington State Department of Ecology. Ms. Abbett provided the topics that will be covered in the Tacoma Smelter Plume project update.

Council Member Beale arrived here, at 12:09 p.m.

Ms. Abbett reviewed the history, a map of arsenic contamination, health impacts, ways people can be exposed, healthy actions, and the plan for the Asarco settlement funds and its approach. Ms. Hargrove provided information relative to the yard sampling and cleanup program, yard program costs, the 2017 hold on contracts and outreach scale back with the local health departments, soil sampling, a breakdown of arsenic sampling results, soil replacement in 2018, completed soil replacement between 2013 and 2017, images of soil replacement, arsenic in soil database, and the web map application. She concluded on technical assistance and contact information for the program representatives.

Discussion ensued regarding technical assistance, outreach, and the option to opt out of the sampling and soil cleanup.

2. [18-0662](#) Pierce Transit Bus Rapid Transit Project Update

At approximately, 12:25 p.m., Kurtis Kingsolver, Director, Public Works, introduced Ryan Wheaton, Executive Director of Planning and Community Development, and Alexandra Mather, Government and Community Relations Officer, Pierce Transit, and made opening remarks. Ms. Mather provided an update on the Pierce Transit Bus Rapid Transit project, including what a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) is, noting required elements and what is needed for Small Starts rating. She further listed the modes of transportation, including the criteria; the termini, noting corridor beginning and ending locations; and described the new Route 1 recommended changes. Mr. Wheaton presented the preliminary station locations on Route 1; preliminary configuration, noting the length and cost per mile of the curbside and median alternatives; and evaluations comparing if there were no changes to the current route to the two alternatives. Together they reviewed the next steps and outreach.

Discussion ensued regarding replacement or revision to Route 1, how the LPA will work around the neighborhoods and not remove buildings or lots, enhancements to the east-west access to the Bus Rapid Transit, funding, median alignment and the impact to the right-of-ways, how to decide on which alternative to choose and when the decision would be made, next steps, and the median alternative.

Other Items of Interest

City Manager Pauli stated the Council Members received an email outlining the furnishings that are coming to the 10th floor remodel, showing the layout and itemization of the furniture that is going into the Council Members' offices, and informed them the furniture on the diagram can be moved. She stated they are ahead of schedule and it is possible they may move into their offices in July.

Committee Reports

Council Member Hunter stated she is an alternate to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, and at the recent meeting the Committee received a presentation on an air quality study taken at the Port of Tacoma. She believes the information provided may be of interest to the Council and asked to have it placed on a study session agenda in the future.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [18-0663](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, June 14, 2018

City Manager Pauli stated there are three ceremonials, proclaiming Tuesday, June 19, 2018 as Juneteenth Day, June 2018 as Immigrant Heritage Month, and recognizing the All-America City Award team, and there are no expected changes to tonight's agenda.

Executive Session - Review the City Manager's Performance

MOTION: Council Member Camarata moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of the City Manager, not to exceed 30 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 7 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Ibsen and McCarthy

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:00 p.m.

The Executive Session was extended by 20 minutes at 1:30 p.m. and 10 minutes at 1:50 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk