



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

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**April 05, 2022**  
**12:00 PM**

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### Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:01 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker  
and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

Council Member Walker participated virtually.

### Briefing Items

1. [22-0405](#) Spectators Attending Unlawful Racing Events

At approximately 12:02 p.m., Mayor Woodards made opening remarks about unlawful racing events, stated that staff from the City of Kent were unable to participate in today's study session, and introduced Avery Moore, Police Chief, Tacoma Police Department (TPD). Chief Moore provided information on the proposed ordinance related to spectators who attend unlawful racing events, noting his experience with similar laws; and the goals of the proposed ordinance, noting compliance, public safety, and providing consequences to those who participate in these events.

Discussion ensued regarding preventing disproportionate enforcement and negative impacts on the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities; suggested changes to clarify the ordinance language; maximum sentencing and fines for misdemeanors; alternative penalties, noting diversion programs for first-time offenders and youth; providing alternative activities for youth; the regional approach and importance of having rules that are consistent with those in other cities; options to impound vehicles; a request for Municipal Court data about fines and sentencing for similar offenses; patterns of illegal events; and timing to take action on the ordinance.

2. [22-0406](#) Review of Funding Recommendations for: Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership Program and Emergency Solutions Grant

At approximately 12:45 p.m., Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager, Community and Economic Development (CED), provided opening remarks and introduced Erika Bartlett, Contract and Program Auditor, CED, and Jason McKenzie, Resource Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS). Ms. Bartlett presented the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan for housing and community development, including an overview, noting the annual requirements, spending plan, programs, and sub-recipient agreements; grant allocations and programs managed by CED and NCS, noting Community Development Block Grants, Emergency Solutions Grants, and the HOME Investment Partnership Program; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding programs at the Beacon Activity Center; the process for items listed as "to be determined"; funds that are designated for goals or targets versus to specific organizations; the shelter training academy; inclement weather shelters; programs that support housing assistance and repairs; funding sources and restrictions; other funding sources; and next steps, noting that final City Council action is expected on May 3, 2022.

3. [22-0407](#) City Manager's Performance Review Evaluation Process Update

At approximately 1:04 p.m., Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources, presented an update on the City Manager's performance review evaluation process, including background; timeline, noting the performance period of June 2021 to May 2022; the evaluation process; components of the evaluation form; evaluation sections, noting assisting the City Council with their policy making role, organization performance and internal administration, external relations, leadership competencies, strategies and status related to Council priorities, and overall comments and rating; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the upcoming City Council process.

## Other Items of Interest

4. [22-0408](#) Council Consideration Request - South Sound Together

Council Member Blocker presented a Council Consideration Request to allocate \$12,000 of Council Contingency Funds for grants that support community engagement programs sponsored through South Sound Together, including background, intent, and the City's previous support and

participation.

Discussion ensued regarding Council Member support and the types of programs supported by these grants.

**4a. [22-0426](#) Community Vitality and Safety Committee's Review of Camping Ban Policies**

Deputy Mayor Ushka presented an update on the Community Vitality and Safety (CVS) Committee's review of the proposed camping ban, including appreciation for the work of the CVS Committee and their recommendation that a camping ordinance should not be adopted at this time and that the options should be reevaluated when sufficient housing or sheltering services are developed.

Discussion ensued regarding how to move forward, noting budgeting, setting priorities, feasibility, timelines, and funding strategies; additional review and presentations to the CVS Committee; the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness; impacts of encampments; communicating with the public; identifying locations for authorized encampments and shelter sites; and shelter vacancy rates and the importance of real-time data.

## **Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports given.

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

**5. [22-0409](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, March 31, 2022**

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated that there are two ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, proclaiming April 2022 as Fair Housing Month, and proclaiming April 4-10, 2022, as National Public Health Week; and that no changes are expected to tonight's agenda.

## **Adjournment**

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk