



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers
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March 19, 2024

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

Briefing Items

1. [24-0291](#) Alternative Response Quarterly Update
[Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Avery Moore, Police Chief; Toryono Green, Fire Chief; Allyson Griffith, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

At approximately 12:01 p.m., City Manager Elizabeth Pauli, provided background on the alternative response quarterly update, including focus areas, expanded response methods, and response spectrum. Allyson Griffith, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services, presented the project overview of the Homeless Engagement Alternatives Liaison (HEAL) team, noting purpose and outcomes; quarter one updates; HEAL updates; storage of items; and HEAL dashboard, noting items in progress. Together, Aleesia Morales and Cassie Hallstone, Business Services Managers, Behavioral Health Crisis Response, Tacoma Fire, presented the Holistic Outreach Promoting Engagement (HOPE) project overview, noting purpose and outcomes; launch updates; staffing updates; how HOPE can help; community collaboration and data collection; preliminary data, noting workload and response, dispatch type, presenting problem, behavioral presentation, alternative call outcomes, dispatched call outcomes, and demographics. Paul Junger, Deputy Police Chief, Tacoma Police, presented the Community Service Officers (CSO) project overview, noting purpose and outcomes; team structure and role; response protocol; and CSO applicant updates. Amita Lonial, Deputy Director, Tacoma Public Library, continued with project overview of the Patron Crisis and De-escalation team, noting purpose and outcomes. City Manager Pauli concluded with an overview of the

timeline, noting the City has secured state and federal funding.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for innovation in responding to community safety issues; timeline, noting CSO staffing; explanations and definitions of data; dispatch calls, noting outcomes and CSO team; physical location of service in libraries; case management waitlist and process; relationship building between services, noting engagement and dispatch; CSO enforcement; first responders trauma training and needs, noting the City's Employee Assistance Program; new HEAL trucks and uniforms; use of funding; and HOPE team handoff process, noting the process for individuals with substance abuse issues.

2. [24-0292](#)

Historic District Moratorium Public Hearing Debrief

[Reuben McKnight, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 1:26 p.m., Reuben McKnight, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services, provided a debrief on the historic moratorium public hearing, including an agenda; Planning Commission (PC) recommendations, noting effects of a moratorium; process summary; public input and feedback from the City Council and PC public hearings and the Landmarks Preservation Commission; alternatives; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding exclusion of the Downtown Regional Growth Center, noting harmful effects to economic development coming into downtown; economic development Citywide; district proposals; historic preservation process, noting City Council direction and discretion; length of the moratorium; renewing and sunseting process, noting additions to the Tacoma Municipal Code; cost of putting homes or buildings on the Historic Registry; equitability, noting community action; and code amendments, noting the current PC workload.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [24-0293](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, March 14, 2024

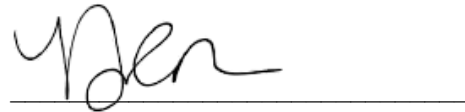
City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there is one ceremonial, introducing the 2024 Daffodil Festival Royal Court; no changes are expected to tonight's meeting, and tonight's meeting includes community forum.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Nicole Emery, City Clerk