



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers
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February 13, 2024
12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

Executive Session - Pending Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to convene to executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(i) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

The City Council convened to executive session at 12:01 p.m.
City Attorney Chris Bacha was present.

The executive session was extended by 15 minutes at 12:15 p.m. and by 10 minutes at 12:32 p.m.

The executive session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 12:42 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [24-0141](#) 2024 State Legislative Session Update
[Sonja Hallum, Chief Government Affairs Officer, City Manager's Office]

At approximately 12:42 p.m., Sonja Hallum, Chief Government Affairs Officer, City Manager's Office, provided opening remarks on the 2024 state legislative session and introduced Briahna Murray, State Lobbyist and Partner, Gordon Thomas Honeywell. Hallum provided updates, noting the session is half-way through; the amount of bills that were introduced, still alive, and the number of bills the City is tracking; and timeline, noting the house of origin cut-off. She continued with the City's policy priorities document, including emergency shelter operations, Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge, one percent property tax cap lift, Climate Commitment Act investments, and support of Metro Parks Tacoma People's Community Center and South End Community Center. She concluded with a brief overview of House Bill (HB) 2270, HB1433, HB2209, and HB1932.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding fiscal notes, requirements on HB1433, recognizing Lunar New Year, specifics on HB1932, HB5770, co-living housing and HB1998, Senate Bill 6030, HB5778, HB5808, re-WRAP Act, and rent stability.

Other Items of Interest

4. [24-1076](#) Council Consideration Request - Moroccan Sister City Committee and Economic Exchange
[Mayor Victoria Woodards]

Mayor Woodards presented a Council Consideration Request to allocate \$5,000 of Council Contingency Funds to sponsor the Moroccan Sister City Committee Cultural and Economic Exchange in El Jadida, which has been Tacoma's Sister City since 2007 and shares many characteristics that make our communities ripe for cultural and economic exchange. She stated that in 2024 the El Jadida Sister City Committee will be traveling to Morocco to build relationships and explore future partnerships that might be available to increase our cultural and economic exchanges; and the funding would support the overall trip and allow more of the members to travel and allow for more opportunities while in Morocco to connect with the people, businesses, and agencies that can open future opportunities for exchanges. She concluded by stating this item will be on the February 27, 2024, Council agenda.

5. [24-1077](#) Council Consideration Request - Metro Park's Mosaic Arts and Culture Festival Sponsorship
[Mayor Victoria Woodards]

Mayor Woodards presented a Council Consideration Request to allocate \$5,500 of Council Contingency Funds to sponsor MOSAIC Arts and Cultural Festival. She noted this will be MOSAIC's 36th year of bringing together a kaleidoscope of dance, music, art, food, and family fun, hosted this year at Wright Park in Tacoma's Stadium District, and the annual event is a long-standing celebration of what makes Tacoma unique and brings community together. She concluded by stating MOSAIC was not prepared for a reduction in City funding for sponsorship and it created a budget gap for the event; and this item will be on the February 27, 2024, Council agenda.

Briefing Items

2. [24-0143](#) South Tacoma Ground Water Protection District Moratorium Extension Public Hearing Preparation
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Maryam Moeinian, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 1:25 p.m., Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services (PDS), provided opening remarks on the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD) Moratorium and introduced Maryam Moeinian, Senior Planner, PDS. Moeinian presented an overview; STGPD, noting the 1988 creation to protect the aquifer drinking water from contamination; agency roles and responsibilities; background; STGPD Moratorium, noting the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee's recommendation; work plan, noting public input and updates; and schedule and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation and support for the work happening in South Tacoma; scheduling and timeline; additional moratoria impacts; City Council and Public Utility Board adoption process, noting the public advisory committee; community input; and conversations with Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department and other agencies.

3. [24-0142](#) Proctor Neighborhood Plan Adoption
[Lauren Hoogkamer, Principal Planner; Anneka Olson, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services; Rebecca Rossi, Billy Frederick, Proctor Steering Group Members]

At approximately 1:56 p.m., Lauren Hoogkamer, Principal Planner, PDS,

introduced Anneka Olson, Senior Planner, PDS, and Rebecca Rossi and Billy Frederick, Proctor Steering Group Members. Hoogkamer presented an agenda, summary of the neighborhood planning process, plan overview, methodology, and proctor engagement overview. Rossi described her experience with community engagement and divergent viewpoints. Hoogkamer continued with values and vision, priorities, major ideas, and implementation strategy. Frederick mentioned the support from City staff and elected officials, and a booster project. Hoogkamer concluded with actions, including pedestrian safety and comfort; human-scale design; and community space, noting open streets pilot, festival street, woonerf, streateries, and public seating; sustainability and climate adaptation; commercial and residential affordability; and lessons learned and proposed next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding advice on utilizing the neighborhood plans; opinions on parking, noting reduction of lanes and angle parking; nighttime activation; appreciation; street festivals; and Pierce Transit engagement.

Other Items of Interest

4. [24-0150](#) Council Consideration Request - Moroccan Sister City Committee and Economic Exchange
[Mayor Woodards]

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

5. [24-0149](#) Council Consideration Request - Metro Park's Mosaic Arts and Culture Festival Sponsorship
[Mayor Woodards]

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

6. [24-0144](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and the City, February 8, 2024
[Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are three ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, proclaiming February 2024 as American Heart Month, recognizing TV Tacoma's 40th anniversary, and a Compassionate Tacoma

recognition for Michelle McLean. She concluded by stating no changes are expected to tonight's agenda, and tonight's meeting includes community forum.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Nicole Emery, City Clerk