



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

January 24, 2017

12:00 PM

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### Change of Location - City Council Chambers

#### Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:09 p.m.

**Present:** 6 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 2 - McCarthy and Thoms

The City Council At-Large No. 6 position is vacant.

Council Member McCarthy arrived at 12:12 p.m.

#### Briefing Items

1. [17-0068](#) City Council At-Large Position 6 Finalists' Interviews

At approximately 12:10 p.m., Mayor Strickland provided an overview of the process for filling the vacant City Council At-Large No. 6 position, stating the individual appointed will be serving through December 31, 2017. She noted that 55 applicants had applied for the position, which were narrowed to eight candidates who will be interviewed at today. She also stated that the candidates have been given the following three questions in advance:

1. Why do you want to serve on the Tacoma City Council?
2. What separates you from the other applicants and what experience and/or skill set will you bring to the City Council?
3. What should be the City of Tacoma's priorities for 2017?

Council Member McCarthy arrived here, at 12:12 p.m.

Mayor Strickland explained today's interview process, stating each candidate will have three minutes to answer the provided questions, followed by an opportunity for Council Members to ask additional questions. She noted the entire interview of each candidate would take 20 minutes.

The City Council interviewed the following applicants:

Katherine Baird

Eric Hahn

Shalisa Hayes

Lillian Hunter

Angela Jossy

Meredith Neal

Laura Rodriguez

Lauren Walker

Mayor Strickland thanked all of the candidates who applied for the vacancy, and stated that at the end of the study session, the City Council will have an opportunity to hold an Executive Session to discuss the qualifications of the finalists. She also stated that at tonight's City Council meeting, under Resolution No. 39633, a motion may be made to appoint an individual to the vacant City Council At-Large No. 6 position.

## **Other Items of Interest**

There were no other items of interest.

## **Committee Reports**

Council Member Lonergan stated at the most recent meeting of the Pierce County Regional Council, they finalized their legislative agenda, held a public hearing, passed several plan amendments for the Comprehensive Plan, discussed the budget, and elected a Chair and Vice-Chair. He invited the City Council and appropriate City staff to the Pierce County Regional Council General Assembly on February 16, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at the Bates Technical College Central Mohler Campus.

Council Member Campbell provided information relative to the most recent Government Performance and Finance Committee meeting, stating that narrowing the candidates to eight was difficult, and thanked his colleagues on the work that was done.

Mayor Strickland provided information relative to the recent United States Conference of Mayors, stating that a candid conversation was held regarding the incoming administration, the importance of investing in infrastructure, immigration, and the Affordable Care Act.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

2. [17-0069](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, January 19, 2017

T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated there is one recognition on tonight's agenda, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Tacoma Athletic Commission, and there are no proclamations, changes, or announcements.

### Executive Session - Evaluate At-Large Position 6 Finalists' Qualifications and Pending and Potential Litigation

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the qualifications of finalists for the City Council At-Large No. 6 position, not to exceed 30 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

The Council convened to Executive Session at 3:05 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli was present.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 3:35 p.m.

### Executive Session - Evaluate At-Large Position 6 Finalists' Qualifications and Pending and Potential Litigation

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending 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 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

The Council convened to Executive Session at 3:40 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli, and Chief Deputy City Attorney Bill Fosbre were present.

The Executive Session was extended by 10 minutes at 4:00 p.m., and 4:10 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 4:20 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk