



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

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September 22, 2020

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Blocker called the study session to order at 12:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 2 - McCarthy and Mayor Woodards

Council Member McCarthy arrived at 12:35 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

2. [20-0618](#) Community's Police Advisory Committee Body Worn Camera Policy Recommendations

At approximately 12:05 p.m., Bucoda Warren, Management Analyst, City Manager's Office, provided opening remarks and introduced Stephen Hagberg, Chair, Community's Police Advisory Committee (CPAC), and Louis Cooper, Chair, CPAC Outreach Subcommittee. Mr. Hagberg presented the CPAC recommendations on the Body Worn Camera (BWC) Policy, including an outline of vendor selection, policy work, CPAC's Outreach Subcommittee, and ongoing review of policy advisories; community concerns; CPAC policy recommendations; and BWC video retention recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding public records and retention, next steps, outreach and communication on the draft policy, examples of cities with oversight committees, CPAC's role, the process to amend CPAC's scope and authority to include oversight, possible bargaining impacts, the proposed process for open reviews of BWC effectiveness and compliance, and advancements in technology and oversight.

Council Member McCarthy arrived here, at 12:35 p.m.

Discussion concluded with Council's appreciation for CPAC members' work on outreach and developing recommendations.

1. [20-0617](#) Tideflats Interim Regulations Renewal- Prep for Public Hearing

At approximately 12:38 p.m., Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services, presented an overview for the Tideflats Interim Regulations renewal public hearing, including purpose and legislative background; issues related to public awareness of permits, conversion of industrial lands, residential encroachment, and heavy industrial impacts and risks; interim permit activity, noting potential use and development not allowed by the interim regulations; Statewide fossil fuel movement; crude oil movement in Washington; Tideflats fossil fuel facilities; trends in Tacoma for transport of crude oil and vessel transfer; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the purpose and requirements for extending the interim regulations, impacts of amending regulations outside the ongoing process, possible timelines, work by the Tideflats Steering Committee and the Tideflats Subarea Plan Advisory Group, issues with baseline data collection, the Council's previous Climate Emergency resolution, City permitting, expansion of existing facilities on the Tideflats, relationship between the Interim Regulations and the Subarea Plan process, community members' concerns about the process and outcomes, commercial demands, impacts of fossil fuels locally and globally, analyzing Tacoma's energy industry, best ways to reduce carbon emissions locally, and next steps.

3. [20-0619](#) Systems Transformation Update

At approximately 1:33 p.m., City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented the systems transformation update, including new items added in the past week, community feedback, job postings, a timeline of next steps, and the draft transformation timeline.

Discussion ensued regarding community access to information on the City website.

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

4. [20-0620](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, September 17, 2020

City Manager Pauli stated tonight's agenda includes two ceremonials, proclaiming September 2020 as Big Brothers Big Sisters Month, and proclaiming October 2020 as Tacoma Arts Month. She further stated there are no expected changes to the agenda and reminded the Council that the first Virtual Forum is tonight at 6:00 p.m.

Executive Session - Potential Litigation and Reviewing the Performance of a Public Employee

MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to convene to an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 30 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka

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

Ayes: 6 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 3 - Hunter, Thoms and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to convene to an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to discuss the City Manager's performance review, not to exceed 30 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 6 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 3 - Hunter, Thoms and Mayor Woodards

The City Council convened to Executive Session to discuss potential litigation at 1:45 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre and Deputy City Attorney Chris Bacha were present.

The Executive Session concluded at 2:15 p.m.

The City Council convened to Executive Session to discuss the City Manager's performance review at 2:15 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre and Chief Deputy City Attorney Chris Bacha were present.

The Executive Session was extended by 15 minutes at 2:45 p.m. and by 10 minutes at 3:00 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 3:12 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk