



# City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

**August 09, 2016**

**12:00 PM**

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## Call to Order

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

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

**Absent:** 3 - McCarthy, Mello and Thoms

Deputy Mayor Mello and Council Member McCarthy arrived at 12:05 p.m.

## Briefing Items

### 1. [16-0756](#) Community Needs Assessment

Deputy Mayor Mello and Council Member McCarthy arrived here, at 12:05 p.m.

At approximately 12:06 p.m., Nadia Chandler Hardy, Neighborhood and Community Services Director, provided an overview of the recently completed Community Needs Assessment, including background and purpose, and introduced Dawn Couch, BERK Consulting. Ms. Couch discussed guiding documents, components, a web-based data tool, and provided a summary of the assessment findings. She concluded by discussing the unmet needs of the community. Ms. Chandler Hardy concluded the presentation by discussing changes going forward, and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the definition of poverty, adolescent drug use, bullying, housing cost burden, affordable housing shortage, support for utilizing a systems approach to human services and having an open dialog about the assessment findings.

## Other Items of Interest

Deputy Mayor Mello and Council Member Campbell provided information regarding two proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 28376, related to the 2016 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed amendments and staff recommendations.

## Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports given.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

2. [16-0755](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, August 4, 2016

T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated there are two proclamations on tonight's agenda, proclaiming Sunday, August 14, 2016 as the Day of Hope, and the week of August 7-13, 2016 as National Farmers Market Week in the City of Tacoma.

## Executive Session - Potential Litigation

There was no Executive Session held.

## Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk