



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

February 18, 2014

12:00 PM

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### Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:10 p.m.

**Present:** 6 - Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 3 - Campbell, Mello and Walker

### Briefing Items

1. 14-0123

Tacoma Smelter Plume Cleanup Update

Mayor Strickland announced the first study session topic is the Tacoma Smelter Plume Cleanup update and introduced Ian Munce, Planning and Development Services.

Council Members Campbell and Mello arrived here, at 12:11 p.m.

Mr. Munce introduced Amy Hargrove, Washington State Department of Ecology Cleanup Manager, who reviewed the smelter yard cleanup program.

Council Member Walker arrived here, at 12:13 p.m.

Ms. Hargrove reviewed arsenic and lead action levels, yard cleanup program costs, and the study area cleanup progress, including yards, outreach, and responses. She then reviewed 2013 property cleanup outcomes, the Pierce County soil sampling progress, the 2014 cleanup schedule in Tacoma and Ruston, the Soil Safety Program, and the Department of Ecology's Arsenic in Soil database. Discussion ensued regarding the number of sites tested, citizen knowledge, and cleanup costs. Council Member Ibsen requested staff provide a contact person for residents who would like to learn more about the program. Council Member Mello requested information regarding the cost of the eight yard cleanups completed through the Smelter Plume Project Cleanup Program. Council Member Boe requested staff update the provided map to show Councilmanic Districts.

**2. 14-0124 Legislative Update**

Mayor Strickland announced the second study session topic is a legislative update from Randy Lewis, Government Relations Officer. Mr. Lewis reviewed background information, upcoming key updates, and a summary of the Washington State legislative agenda. He then reviewed session updates, including House Bills (HB) and Senate Bills (SB) relating to, liens (HB1367 and SB5323), waste oil (SB6501), speed cameras (HB2426), and affordable housing (HB2558 and SB6324). Discussion ensued regarding speed cameras, fatality accidents, and Tacoma Police Officer testimony.

Mr. Lewis continued to review affordable housing amendments and marijuana issues relating to SB5887, including city and county issues, and sales tax. Discussion ensued regarding sales tax, legislative bills relating to marijuana, and retail taxes. Council Member Lonergan requested staff provide additional information relating to medical marijuana bills.

Mr. Lewis concluded by reviewing transportation funding, including sales tax, one-time funds, the Mobility Fund, vehicle license fees, and regional projects. Mayor Strickland requested staff provide information on the status of legislative bills relating to Tesla stores and background checks on gun sales.

**Other Items of Interest**

There were no other items of interest.

**Agenda Review**

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated there is one proclamation for Black History Month.

**Closed Session - Labor Negotiations**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)(b) to discuss labor negotiations, the session not to exceed 15 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Mayor Strickland announced there will a five minute break, followed by Closed Session.

The Council convened to Closed Session at 12:55 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli was present.

The Closed Session was extended for 15 minutes at 1:10 p.m.

The Closed Session was extended for 15 minutes at 1:25 p.m.

The Closed Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk