



City of Tacoma Committee of the Whole Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

9th Floor Visibility Center

February 03, 2015

3:00 PM

Call To Order

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 3:41 p.m.

Present: 5 - Boe, Ibsen, Mello, Woodards and Strickland

Absent: 4 - Campbell, Lonergan, Thoms and Walker

Council Members Lonergan and Walker arrived, at 3:42 p.m.

Council Consideration Requests

1. [15-0108](#) Proyecto Mole Program Funding

Mayor Strickland called on Council Member Woodards to begin the discussion regarding her Council Consideration Request. She stated Council Members Mello and Walker have also signed on to the request. She gave a brief description of the background for the request stating when the funding was approved from the human services funding, no services were funded for Latino youth in the City of Tacoma. She stated that one program that was funded in the past was the Proyecto Mole Program which was administrated by the Northwest Leadership Foundation.

Council Members Lonergan and Walker arrived here, at 3:42 p.m.

Council Member Woodards stated that it was her intent to bring this request forward to keep the continuity of the program going and get it funded for 2015-2016, while the City looks at the gaps in service and finds long term solutions. She stated the request is for \$45,000 for each year, for a total of \$90,000.

Discussion ensued regarding the balance of the City Council's Contingency Fund, the initial request from the agency, the programs which would be impacted, the capacity of the organizations applying for funding, and the systems gap program.

Committee Reports

Council Member Walker invited the City Council to the annual meeting of the Pierce County Regional Council General Assembly at the Puyallup Pioneer Park Pavilion. She stated the topic will be jobs and housing in the South Sound and the speaker will be Joel Kotkin.

Council Member Mello stated the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee heard presentations on the Historic Water Ditch Trail, which is to be renamed to the Water Flume Trail and on complete streets policies and Greensroads from the Planning and Development Services and Public Works Departments. He acknowledged the good work that has already been done connecting the Prairie Line Trail and stated there was more work to be done. He then congratulated Council Member Walker for her work on keeping the trail project moving forward.

Deputy Mayor Boe stated the Pierce County Regional Council General Assembly will hold an Urban Studies Forum at the University of Washington Tacoma on jobs and housing, including a segment on growth management. He also stated the Tacoma Mall Subarea plan is beginning to be reviewed and there has been some discussion to change that name to the Madison Lincoln Heights Subarea Plan. Deputy Mayor Boe then discussed the disappointment of the Cross District Association for not engaging them in policies that directly impact them and gave the paid sick leave discussion as an example. Deputy Mayor Boe reported on the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board, stating he was able to get on the task force to look at prioritization for next year regarding Vision 2040.

Council Member Lonergan stated at the Workforce Central meeting they discussed the new legislation that reconstitutes what Workforce Central and Workforce Development Councils look like and reevaluated and restructured the Workforce Development Council to be in compliance with the new law. He stated there was discussion on jobs in Pierce County and getting appropriate training for the industries that actually need jobs to be filled and career paths. He stated that South Sound 911 had updates from the director regarding a public service announcement and the continuation on moving forward on the facility sites in South Tacoma and in the City of Fircrest.

Mayor Strickland congratulated Council Member Lonergan for being voted chair of South Sound 911. She then discussed making public investments and the positive impact the agency can create by that investment in a particular area. Mayor Strickland discussed the Workforce Development Council's conversation regarding the needs and the trends in the industries, giving examples of nurses being trained in mental health and training individuals in cyber security.

Mayor Strickland stated Council Member Woodards will be representing the City of Tacoma in Washington DC for the My Brother's Keeper initiative. She

reminded the Council Members to return the form regarding the City Manager's Performance Review and about the annual City Council retreat that will be held at the University of Puget Sound. She asked the City Council to think about issues to discuss for 2015. Mayor Strickland then discussed the Pierce County Transit Board all day strategic planning meeting and how transit service is being restored. She gave an update on the U.S. Conference of Mayors, stating that when you attend a national conference and you learn about what the other cities are doing it makes you realize the good work the staff and the City Council are doing here in the City of Tacoma.

Council Member Walker announced the Association of Washington Cities, City Action Days, at the University of Washington Tacoma.

Council Member Ibsen gave a Joint Municipal Action Committee report stating Pierce County Council Member Ladenburg discussed mental health and Pierce County's cost for the jail.

Deputy Mayor Boe stated that he and Council Member Campbell, along with Jim Merritt and Kevin Phelps, will be part of a panel and public discussion regarding the proposed Pierce County headquarters on Pacific Avenue.

Deputy Mayor Boe discussed the lack of civility at the last City Council meeting. He stated that he was very disappointed and suggested that maybe the rules of conduct be revisited. Deputy Mayor Boe asked if this could be discussed further at the City Council retreat.

Discussion ensued regarding conduct at City Council meetings.

Council Member Mello announced that Chief Ramsdell is part of a panel at City Club regarding a discussion on "Can Ferguson happen in Tacoma?"

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk