



# City of Tacoma

## Committee of the Whole Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

9th Floor Visibility Center

October 01, 2013

3:00 PM

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### Call To Order

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

**Present:** 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Woodards

Council Member Woodards arrived at 3:45 p.m.

### Briefing Items

1. 13-0133

Review Revised I-502 Recreational Cannabis Proposed Rules

City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli provided an update on the current status of the rulemaking process for recreational cannabis at the state level and City enforcement recommendations.

Brian Boudet, Planning and Development Services, reviewed interim land use regulations, including adopting marijuana-specific uses, considering additional sensitive uses and definitions, and adding Urban Horticulture as a new category. He then reviewed marijuana production and processing, retail, sensitive use buffering, preliminary mapping, and additional standards.

Mr. Boudet concluded with the tentative schedule for the interim regulations, including Planning Commission review of the revised proposed rules and draft interim regulations on October 2, 2013; City Council study session and evening public hearing on the interim regulations on October 22, 2013; follow-up at the October 29, 2013 study session; and final consideration of an ordinance adopting the interim regulations and Nuisance Code on October 29, 2013. Discussion ensued regarding outreach efforts; the 1,000 foot buffer measurement between a licensed marijuana business and schools, child care centers, community centers; the age requirement for purchasing recreational marijuana, economic development; banking, financing and health regulations for marijuana-related food products; and urban horticulture and hydroponic operations.

## **Council Consideration Requests**

None.

## **Committee Reports**

Council Member Walker reported on the recent Association of Washington Cities (AWC) board meeting and noted topics discussed included legislative priorities on marijuana, restoring liquor revenue, a state transportation funding package, and restoring the Public Works Trust Fund. She also announced two upcoming AWC regional meetings occurring on October 9, 2013 in Tukwila, and on November 6, 2013 in Olympia.

Council Member Woodards reported on a recent Law and Justice Council meeting stating topics of discussion included the Pierce County Jail and the regional strategy for jail services.

Mayor Strickland discussed the direct impact of the federal government shutdown on Workforce Central if the shutdown continues beyond one week.

Council Member Boe stated the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board may be limiting the number of projects across jurisdictions and noted he will have more information at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Deputy Mayor Campbell stated the recent Safe Streets' Annual Breakfast fundraiser was successful. He then reported on a National League of Cities event he recently attended in Georgia and covered some issues discussed at the event.

Mayor Strickland stated there will be a Senate listening session on transportation occurring October 9, 2013 at the Evergreen State College Tacoma Campus and she plans to attend and testify.

## **Other Items of Interest**

None.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk