



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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**October 24, 2023**

**12:00 PM**

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### Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Walker called the study session to order at 12:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 5 - Blocker, Bushnell, Hines, Rumbaugh and Walker

**Absent:** 4 - Daniels, Diaz, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Mayor Woodards arrived at 12:08 p.m.

### Briefing Items

1. [23-1035](#) Facility Advisory Committee Final Report

At approximately 12:01 p.m., Nick Anderson, Principal Financial Services Analyst, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), provided a background and overview of the Facility Advisory Committee (FAC) final report, and introduced Nathe Lawver, FAC member, and Jim Dugan, Division Manager, Parametrix Inc. Together they presented an outline; general government facilities, noting why the report was needed; and FAC scope.

Mayor Woodards arrived here, at 12:08 p.m.

Anderson, Lawver, and Dugan they continued with the FAC process overview; criteria and scoring system; prioritized project list, noting public safety facilities that scored highly; additional recommendations, noting leveraging additional funding and continued investment; FAC conclusions, noting success of the process, engagement, and multi-agency collaboration; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding street operations facility; appreciation for the FAC members; funding, noting partnerships and collaborations; scoring criteria, noting the maximum score; future of Tacoma Municipal Building, noting a long-term study; deferred maintenance, noting budget policies; facilities footprint in the City; and continued studies, noting operational, design, utilization, and safety. Katie Johnston, Budget Officer, OMB,

concluded the presentation with the revenue strategy, noting guiding principles, timing, and impact; debt limits; financial considerations; and examples.

Discussion continued regarding importance of project prioritization; long term investment in maintenance; decarbonization; Tacoma Public Utility facilities and engagement; general revenue bonds, noting voter approved excess levy; and balance of needs.

2. [23-1036](#) Arts and Economic Prosperity 6 Study Update

At approximately 1:23 p.m., Naomi Strom-Avila, Arts Program Administrator, Community and Economic Development (CED), gave a brief introduction to the arts and economic prosperity study and introduced Lisa Jaret, Arts Program Administrator, CED, and Amanda Figueroa, Tacoma Creates Advisory Board member. Together they presented a study overview; national study findings; Tacoma study data; findings, noting revenue, jobs, tax revenue, event related spending, categories of spending, and social impacts; Tacoma's comparison of economic impacts of spending; and why arts and culture matter.

Discussion ensued regarding participation and appreciation for the study; future leverage and support; partnerships with the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce and Travel Tacoma; event enjoyment; economic impact, noting the median difference in Tacoma's and the cohort population and why; economic development and jobs; and next steps.

## 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

3. [23-1037](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, October 19, 2023

Deputy City Manager Kurtis Kingsolver stated there are no ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda and no changes are expected. He concluded by stating that tonight's meeting includes community forum and a public hearing on 2023 Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing grant application.

## **Executive Session**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to convene to an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(a)(ii) to consider matters affecting national security, not to exceed 20 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

The City Council convened to executive session at 2:05 p.m.  
Interim City Attorney Chris Bacha was present.

The executive session concluded, and the study session reconvened,  
at 2:28 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Nicole Emery, City Clerk