



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

November 18, 2014

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Present: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker and Woodards

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

Council Member Walker participated telephonically.

Briefing Items

- 1. 14-1128** Budget Work Session - Planning and Development Services Department

Peter Huffman, Director of Planning and Development, provided a department overview; highlighted past accomplishments; and presented the 2015-2016 budget with proposed reductions, efficiencies, and enhancements, including permits, code enforcement, fees, and major initiatives.

Discussion ensued regarding notification in the pre-application process to become aware of community concerns or projects in the neighborhood that may cause concern or push back, and how performance measures amongst commercial permits are projected to be down in the upcoming biennium based off of regional trend data. Mr. Huffman stated he would provide additional backup information pertaining to this trend.

Discussion continued regarding storm water improvements, customer service, obtaining permits, the customer service kiosk and modified lobby hours, and the Health Department's involvement with current and future projects.
- 2. 14-1129** Budget Work Session - Public Assembly Facilities Department

Kim Bedier, Director of Public Assembly Facilities, reviewed the department's organizational structure; past accomplishments; and 2015-2016 budget, including proposed reductions, increased revenue options and enhancements, 2015-2016 programs and upcoming major initiatives.

Discussion ensued regarding obtaining corporate signage promoting the City in the facilities, multi-year commitment of funds to the Performing Arts Center, specific funds needed for the Broadway Center Sentinel Campaign, projects to entice people from outside the City to attend events at the City's public facilities, and the budget path for the Tacoma Dome renovations. Discussion continued regarding challenging City Manager T.C. Broadnax to research and find funds of \$1.5 million still needed for the Broadway Center Sentinel Campaign.

3. 14-1130 Budget Work Session - Public Works Department

Kurtis Kingsolver, Director of Public Works, provided an overview of the department; discussed 2013-2014 major accomplishments; and presented the 2015-2016 department budget, including reductions, efficiencies, and street fund enhancements. He also explained the 2015-2016 program overviews, major initiatives, and the progress with the Transportation Benefit District proposed spending plan.

Discussion ensued regarding the infrastructure of City streets, including the current level of resources and the level needed to maintain current city roads. Mr. Kingsolver stated the department is striving to rehabilitate and enhance the street conditions, and providing maintenance is estimated to be \$45 million dollars a year. Discussion continued on matching grants for projects, City improvements, repairs of streets, and focusing on potholes and sidewalks, in addition to the school zones and fuel usage in Fleet Services.

4. 14-1131 Budget Work Session - Capital Facilities Plan

Tadd Wille, Budget Officer, reviewed the capital budgeting terminology, 2015-2016 capital budget overview and the 2015-2020 capital facilities program overview, purpose, funding, and project selections.

Discussion ensued regarding the budgeting with a focus group for the Planning Commission, including high priority projects.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

5. 14-1132 Weekly Report to the City Council, November 13, 2014

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated there will be two proclamations tonight, proclaiming November 2014 as American Indian Heritage Month and December 2, 2014 as #GivingTuesday, and paid sick leave will be addressed by residents.

Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

MOTION: Council Member Boe moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)(b) to discuss labor negotiations, the session not to exceed 20 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker and Woodards

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

Executive Session - Pending Litigation

MOTION: Council Member Boe moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation, the session not to exceed 10 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker and Woodards

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

The Council convened to Closed Session at 3:30 p.m. The Closed Session concluded at 3:50 p.m.

The Council convened to Executive Session at 3:55 p.m. The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 4:05 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Victoria Woodards, Deputy Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk