



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

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February 04, 2025

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Hines

Council Member Hines arrived at 12:18 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [25-0100](#) Tacoma Dome Link Extension Draft Environmental Impact Statement Publication Update
[Brian Boudet, Planning Manager, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 12:01 p.m., Council Member Walker provided opening remarks on the Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE), and introduced Austin Neilson, Director of Government and Community Relations, Sound Transit (ST), and Diane Wiatr, Development Manager, ST. Neilson presented the TDLE overview, including benefits and completion of the 'light rail spine'; project timeline; and planning. Wiatr presented the environmental impact statement, including what is studied; Tacoma segment, including draft findings; Tacoma alternative station comparisons, including Tacoma Dome station and Portland Avenue station; and Puyallup River light rail bridge, including trade-offs. Neilson presented property owner engagement and outreach overview.

Council Member Hines arrived here, at 12:18 p.m.

Wiatr continued with Tacoma Dome Access Improvements (TDAI), including potential projects and engagement with organizations. Brian Boudet, Planning Manager, Planning and Development Services (PDS), concluded with alternative timelines, deadlines, and Council highlights.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for ST and staff; proposed Tideflats subarea location; deadlines, including draft letter from the Council; Puyallup Avenue corridor; ST support for business displacement during transition, including relocation assistance, noting restrictions and requirements for businesses within a new station; and property acquisition outreach.

2. [25-0101](#) South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Public Hearing Preparation [Maryam Moeinian, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 12:40 p.m., Maryam Moeinian, Senior Planner, PDS, introduced Stephen Atkinson, Senior Planner, PDS; Glen George, Principal Civil Engineer, Tacoma Water; Dana de Leon, Assistant Division Manager, Environmental Services; and Erin Dilworth, Healthy Community Planner, and Esther Beaumier, Program Manager, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. Moeinian presented an overview on the preparation for the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD) public hearing; STGPD background, including purpose, key regulations, and lead agencies; moratorium, including Amended Substitute Resolution No. 40985, temporary prohibited and existing uses; updated work plan; outreach and engagement, including advisory groups involvement; and tentative moratorium schedule and work plan.

Discussion ensued regarding length of extension, including the possibility of this being the last extension of the moratorium; appreciation of staff; and Health Department inspection of code changes and process.

Other Items of Interest

3. [25-0102](#) Tree Preservation for Non-Development Sites [Council Member Walker]

Council Member Walker presented a potential tree preservation code, including the amendment to Home in Tacoma to remove the provision relating to trees on non-development sites to be included in a separate tree preservation code applicable to all trees in the City, noting tree preservation standards, addressing appropriate city resources and regulatory and non-regulatory tools. She concluded by stating this will go to Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee this month.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for the opportunity to add to the topics, including Home in Tacoma policy removal, and potential policy adjustments and additions; and community engagement, noting regulations, public benefits, and maintenance funding and responsibility.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [25-0103](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, January 30, 2025
[Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are no ceremonials and no changes are expected to tonight's agenda, and tonight's meeting includes a public hearing on consideration for extending an existing moratorium on certain uses within the STGPD.

Closed Session - Labor Strategy

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to convene to closed session pursuant to RCW 42.30.114(4)(a and b) to discuss labor strategy not to exceed 10 minutes.

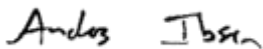
SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.



for Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Nicole Emery, City Clerk