



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

April 15, 2014

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:08 p.m.

Present: 7 - Boe, Campbell, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Ibsen and Walker

Council Member Walker arrived at 12:09 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. **14-0304** Charter Review Committee Update

Mayor Strickland announced the first study session topic is the Charter Review Committee.

Council Member Walker arrived here, at 12:09 p.m.

Bill Baarsma, Charter Review Committee Chair, introduced several members of the Charter Review Committee and thanked them for their contributions. He then provided an overview of the Charter review process, noting the Committee will forward recommendations and the Council will decide whether proposed amendments are forwarded to the ballot. Chair Baarsma reviewed background information regarding the selection of the Committee, processes followed, form of government options, issues, proposed key changes, and outreach efforts. He concluded by reviewing the Mayor/Council/Chief Administrative Officer form of government, noting the topic will be discussed at the Charter Review Committee meeting tomorrow.

Discussion ensued regarding minority reports, gender neutral language, financial implications of proposed amendments, the form of government, Neighborhood Business Districts, campaign finance reform, and the 2004 Charter review process. Mayor Strickland stated she expects to see a minority report from the Charter Review Committee. Council Member Mello requested additional information regarding the timeline to put items on the ballot in

November. Discussion continued regarding how public feedback will impact the Committee's recommendations, the Telephone Town Hall, outreach efforts, and the process and timeline for putting items on the ballot.

2. 14-0305 Hilltop Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

Mayor Strickland announced the next study session topic is the Hilltop Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Brian Boudet, Planning and Development Services (PDS), reviewed the plan, including the community working group, key implementation strategies, key concerns raised at the Planning Commission public hearing, city-wide goals and strategies related to mixed-income communities, the revised affordable housing goal, ongoing implementation projects, and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding the revised affordable housing goal, including the area median household income (AMI) data, and whether the data used is still current. Council Member Boe requested staff review the revised affordable housing goal to clarify development requirements. Council Member Campbell requested the AMI data for 2013.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

Assistant City Manager Tansy Hayward stated there are no proclamations, recognitions, announcements, or changes to tonight's agenda.

Mayor Strickland stated there will be a Committee of the Whole meeting at 3:00 p.m. today in the Visibility Center on the ninth floor of the Tacoma Municipal Building.

3. 14-0306 Weekly Report to the City Council, April 10, 2014

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk