



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

January 30, 2018

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:11 p.m.

Present: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Briefing Items

1. [18-0085](#) Legislative Session Updates

At approximately 12:12 p.m., Randall Lewis, Government Relations Officer, provided a legislative update related to the status of the City bills of interest, budget issues, and the timeline. Mr. Lewis further reviewed the City bills of interest, including House Bill (HB) 2813 / Senate Bill (SB) 6418, which created a new version of the commercial office incentives; HB 2880 / SB 6487, regarding Point Ruston, noting it still needs amendments; HB 1114 / SB 6320, regarding leasehold excise tax, noting a Tacoma Dome requirement and exemption; HB 2201 / SB 5955, which includes a new schedule for Sound Transit Motor Vehicle Excise Tax and provide rebates for people who paid the higher schedule in 2017 or 2018; HB 2057 / SB 6484, references abandoned homes, noting it increases cost recovery and provides a new process for foreclosed homes; HB 2006, which creates flexible revenue for mental health tax and levy lid; HB 2592 / SB 5935, describing two approaches to small cells; HB 1800 / SB 6002, which changes local elections under the Voting Rights Act; and HB 1570, which increases the document recording fee. Mr. Lewis discussed the capital budget, including local projects, the City's interest in acquiring properties, and amendments being sought in the Supplemental Capital Budget; and reviewed upcoming dates. He concluded by reviewing the clean air bills HB 2601, 2602, and 2603, noting clean air in the port regions, and described a legislation regarding police body cameras.

Discussion ensued regarding smalls cells, local projects in the capital budget,

and impact fees on affordable housing bills.

Other Items of Interest

2. [18-0108](#) Request for a Comprehensive Review of Provided Town of Ruston Services

Council Member Mello stated he sent out an inquiry letter regarding Point Ruston and the Town of Ruston, mentioning and inquiring about protecting our rate and taxpayers, permitting certainty for Point Ruston, rate and taxpayer fairness, services provided by the City to the Town of Ruston that are or are not reimbursed, and who responds to and who reimburses emergency service incidents and utility services.

Discussion ensued regarding comparison of other cities service arrangement charges.

Council Member McCarthy discussed the Opioid Summit held this Friday, February 2, 2018, noting registration is still open to participate; background, including outreach and an action agenda; presenters and information provided at the event; and participation from cities in Pierce County and fire and police departments.

Council Member McCarthy discussed the consideration of an amendment to Resolution No. 39930 relating to Click!, noting partnership, financial feasibility, recent approach on the business model, and legal feasibility.

Discussion ensued regarding clarification on the terms of utility and enterprise, proposed language, use of correct terminology, financial feasibility, and current resolution language.

Committee Reports

There was no Committee Report.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [18-0086](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, January 25, 2018

Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager, stated there are no ceremonies, and no expected changes to tonight's agenda. She then reminded if Council Members have any amendments or questions on tonight's agenda to please let her know so staff can prepare to respond accordingly.

Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a and b) to discuss labor negotiations, not to exceed 15 Minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

The Council convened to Closed Session at 1:10 p.m.

The Closed Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:25 p.m.

The Council recessed for five minutes.

Executive Session - Potential Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:30 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre and Deputy City Attorney Steve Victor were present.

The Executive Session was extended by 10 minutes at 1:45 p.m., 10 minutes at 1:55 p.m., 10 minutes at 2:05 p.m., and 10 minutes at 2:15 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk