



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

May 21, 2019

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:05 p.m.

Present: 7 - Blocker, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and Ibsen

Briefing Items

1. [19-0545](#) Harvard Bloomberg Innovation Project Update

Mayor Woodards provided opening remarks and introduced Melanie Harding, Senior Policy Analyst, and Bradley Loetzke, Harvard Bloomberg Innovation Project Manager, City Manager's Office. Mayor Woodards provided an overview of the Harvard Bloomberg Innovation Project, including background on the City's Leadership Institute, the "City Innovation Track", assistance provided by the project, and the City's focus on public engagement and building trust in the area of public safety. Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager, provided an overview of the City Innovation Project focus, methods, and theories. Ms. Harding and Mr. Loetzke reviewed the project team members, difference between traditional project methods and the Innovation Project method, the power of stories gathered in qualitative interviews, the process and nonlinear model, current project status, and next steps. Ms. Pauli and Mayor Woodards concluded with comments about the iterative process and progress toward the City's goals.

Discussion ensued regarding public safety, Project PEACE, implementation of project prototypes, police presence, public perception and interaction with police officers, project length and support, examples from other cities, measuring results, senior citizen feedback, and community interactions.

2. [19-0546](#) Community Workforce Agreement Taskforce Recommendations and Report

At approximately 12:56 p.m., Tadd Wille, Assistant City Manager, provided opening remarks on the Community Workforce Agreement (CWA) Taskforce recommendations and report, and introduced Karen Reed, Committee Facilitator. Ms. Reed introduced Deputy City Attorney Steve Victor, as well as members of the CWA Taskforce in attendance at the study session, including Co-Chairs Arti O'Brien, owner, Advanced Government Services, Inc., and Mark Martinez, Executive Secretary, Pierce County Building Trades.

Ms. Reed presented the mission; membership; process; timeline; data reviewed; definition of a CWA; Seattle's experience; review of the Local Employment and Apprenticeship (LEAP) training and Small Business Enterprise (SBE) programs; Tacoma Housing Authority strategy; the draft CWA for Tacoma; recommendations; excerpts from the executive summary; recommended priorities; committee consensus; member preferences, including must-haves, strong opposition, and other comments; comparison of responses based on group; and other recommendations, categories, and ratings. She concluded with a review of the overall conclusions, including support of the City's goals, disagreement on methods, and options moving forward; and a review of minority statements.

Discussion ensued regarding existing programs; impacts of Washington State Initiative I-1000; project cost thresholds; relationships between the City, contractors, and unions; Taskforce goals and results; potential reimbursement costs; priority hiring and priority dispatch programs; affirmative action versus preferential treatment; alternatives; and interest for further Council discussion.

Other Items of Interest

[19-0552](#) Draft Resolution - Recommendations to Sound Transit on the Tacoma Dome Link Extension Project

Mayor Woodards presented a draft resolution regarding the Tacoma Dome Link Extension Project, proposed for Council action at the June 11, 2019 meeting. She requested that Council Members provide any comments on the draft resolution to staff.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [19-0547](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, May 16, 2019

Ms. Pauli stated there are three proclamations on tonight's meeting agenda, proclaiming May 19-25, 2019 as National Public Works Week, proclaiming May 2019 as Hunger Awareness Month, and proclaiming May 2019 as Mental Health Month. She further stated there are no changes expected to the agenda.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk