



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

October 11, 2016

12:00 PM

Change of Location - City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:06 p.m.

Present: 5 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Thoms and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 4 - Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello and Woodards

Council Member Woodards arrived at 1:11 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [16-0969](#) Budget Work Session - Capital Budget Presentation

At approximately 12:07 p.m., Tadd Wille, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), provided brief opening remarks and introduced Christina Watts Curran, OMB. Ms. Watts Curran provided an overview of the 2017-2018 proposed Capital Budget and the 2017-2022 draft Capital Facilities Program, including terminology, purpose, process changes, new projects, Capital Budget revenues, community development, cultural facilities, municipal facilities, libraries, Local Improvement Districts, parks and open space, public safety, and transportation. Ms. Watts Curran then discussed 2017-2018 Capital Budget changes, including the current and proposed fund structure, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding support for proposed changes to the Capital Budget funding structure, seating at the Tacoma Dome, Safe Routes to Schools, changes to special funds, and proposed projects.

2. [16-0970](#) Budget Work Session - Public Works Department Presentation

At approximately 12:35 p.m., Kurtis Kingsolver, Director, Public Works, provided an overview of the Public Works Department, including mission statement, organizational structure, and 2015-2016 major accomplishments. He then discussed 2017-2018 department goals, 2017-2018 budget overview and

proposals, streets maintenance, and showed a brief video relative to the streets initiative. Mr. Kingsolver concluded by discussing equity in the budget process.

Council Member Woodards arrived here, at 1:11 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding pedestrian crossing improvements, costs of lighting, cost savings, preventative maintenance, East 64th Street design, and support for equity in hiring practices.

3. [16-0971](#) Budget Work Session - Tacoma Venues and Events Department Presentation

At approximately 1:24 p.m., Kim Bedier, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events, provided a department overview, including mission statement, organizational structure, 2015-2016 major accomplishments, and goals. Ms. Bedier then provided an overview of the 2017-2018 proposed budget, including reductions and enhancements, revenue enhancements, and Limited Tax General Obligation Bond enhancements. She concluded by discussing the Tacoma Dome's seating, production and dressing rooms, loading docks, capital projects, and overall goals.

Discussion ensued regarding support for aesthetic investments in the Tacoma Dome, the Pantages Theater's revenues, the Exhibition Hall at the Tacoma Dome, occupancy rate, the customer satisfaction rate, and the number of seats in the Tacoma Dome once they are replaced.

4. [16-0972](#) Budget Work Session - Planning and Development Services Department Presentation

At approximately 2:03 p.m., Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services, provided a department overview, including mission statement, organizational structure, 2015-2016 major accomplishments, and goals. Mr. Huffman then provided an overview of the 2017-2018 proposed budget, including expenditures, reductions, permit fee study, enhancements, 2017-2018 major initiatives, and equity in budgeting.

Discussion ensued regarding outreach relative to the permit process, the permit fee study, goals, current fees, enhanced permitting, cost recovery, number of permits completed within 14 days, permit timeline, and automated status updates.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

5. [16-0973](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, October 6, 2016

T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated the next budget work session will take place on October 18, 2016. He also stated there are two ceremonials on tonight's agenda, proclaiming October 2016 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and the presentation of the Disability Advocate of the Year Awards.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk