



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

November 06, 2018

12:00 PM

Change of Location

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:17 p.m.

Present: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Briefing Items

1. [18-1313](#) Budget Presentation - Tacoma Venues and Events Proposed Budget and City Council Requests for the Proposed Biennial Budget

At approximately 12:18 p.m., Kim Bedier, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events (TVE), provided introductory remarks and presented the TVE budget, including an overview of programs, major accomplishments, outstanding challenges, funding, expenses, department goals and major initiatives, recent organizational changes to the department, and partnerships.

Discussion ensued regarding Proposition 1 "Tacoma Creates"; impact of upcoming Key Arena renovations on Tacoma event schedules; Tacoma Dome renovations, roof cleaning, and color options; options to provide space for the Tacoma Stars indoor soccer team; opportunities to partner with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians; and a recent article in Venues magazine.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented recommended adjustments to the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget and described input received from the community, Council Members, and staff; proposed adjustments to the Economic Development, Human and Community Services, Streets Infrastructure, and Library budgets; recommended reductions to other programs to cover costs of the adjustments; and staff work on proposed adjustments based on Council requests.

Discussion ensued regarding Council requests and projects; Police Department staffing, equipment, and fleet costs; a request for regular reports on hiring and staffing needs; speed humps; prioritization of Council budget priorities and commitments; and partnerships for community centers. Mayor Woodards concluded with a review of next steps, including a public hearing and first reading of the budget ordinance.

Other Items of Interest

Mayor Woodards stated she will provide Council Members with an update on the proposed 2019 Bluebird Leadership Institute project next week.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

2. [18-1314](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, November 1, 2018

City Manager Pauli reminded the Council of the celebration in honor of veterans to be held at 4:30 p.m. this afternoon. She further stated that tonight's agenda includes proclamations to proclaim the week of November 11 through November 17, 2018 as Joint Base Lewis-McChord Week, and to proclaim Saturday, November 10, 2018 as Puget Sound Orca Recovery Day, and that there are no changes expected to tonight's agenda.

Executive Session - Pending Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to convene to an Executive Session pursuant to 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation, not to exceed 10 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:38 p.m.
City Attorney Bill Fosbre was present.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at
1:43 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk