



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

September 24, 2013

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Present: 7 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Boe and Woodards

Briefing Items

1. 13-0123

Rapid-Response Graffiti Removal

Mayor Strickland announced the first study session topic is the Rapid-Response Graffiti Removal pilot program. Tansy Hayward, Assistant City Manager and Neighborhoods and Community Services Director, stated the Community Based Services Division is developing a pilot program which will be rolled out later this year. She then introduced Allyson Griffith, Program Development Specialist. Ms. Griffith provided background information on the Graffiti Resource Team and reviewed data related to potential graffiti violations. She then discussed the Rapid-Response Graffiti Removal pilot program, stating it will focus on 72-hour graffiti removal from private properties along key corridors. She briefly reviewed a map of key corridors, noting staff has also been coordinating with the Business Improvement Area (BIA) to address second story incidences in the BIA area. Ms. Griffith stated the "Go Live" date is mid-December 2013 and an evaluation of the pilot program will occur at the end of 2014. She concluded by stating staff will continue exploring possible partnerships and obtaining blanket property permission documentation.

Discussion ensued regarding provisions in the Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) which limit access to spray paint, outreach to business districts and Neighborhood Councils, historic buildings, key corridors, the City's current graffiti removal regulations, intervention and prevention efforts, outreach to utility companies, and how graffiti is addressed on properties owned by the City and Washington State Department of Transportation. City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated this program is a proactive way for the City to highlight

its engagement and participation with private property owners along key corridors, and offer assistance in a voluntary manner that allows the City to help them with the first three incidents of graffiti.

2. 13-0124

2013 Legislation Action Timeline

Mayor Strickland stated the next study session topic is the 2013 legislation action timeline and introduced Alisa O'Hanlon, Government Relations, to brief the Council on impacts of the 2013 state legislation. Ms. O'Hanlon stated 110 of the 393 bills passed may affect the City of Tacoma and eight bills in particular require City Council action and changes to the TMC. She then introduced Kathy McAlpine, Assistant Police Chief, and Jean Hayes, Deputy City Attorney, to review items relating to public safety. Assistant Chief McAlpine reviewed Engrossed Senate Bill (ESB) 5053 relating to vehicle prowling, House Bill (HB) 1937 prohibiting the sale of vapor products designed for smoking to minors, Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 5021 changing the crime of riot to criminal mischief, and Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1383 creating a stalking protection order for victims who do not qualify for domestic violence protection. Danielle Larson, Tax and License, reviewed ESHB 1552 requiring scrap metal buyers to be licensed by the state.

Peter Huffman, Planning and Development Services Interim Director, reviewed ESHB 1717 which clarifies and expands local authority to revoke costs for area-wide, upfront Environmental Impact Statements; and Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1074 which extends the timeline for finalizing a preliminary plat from nine to ten years. Jeff Jenkins, Public Works Facilities, reviewed HB 5099, which provides a method to allow police, fire, and emergency vehicles to be exempted from current state law that requires cities to satisfy 100 percent of fuel needs for public vehicles with electricity or biofuel by 2018.

Discussion followed regarding the rationale for the exemption and the percentage of the City's fleet life after 2018. Ms. O'Hanlon concluded by reviewing next steps, including the timeline for the eight ordinances changing the TMC that will come before the City Council for consideration.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Agenda Review

Mr. Broadnax stated there are no proclamations, presentations, or announcements. He stated there are several changes to tonight's agenda, including motions to remove Purchase Resolution No. 38373, continue Resolution No. 38741 to the October 15, 2013 Council meeting, amend Ordinance No. 28173 to change the effective date, introduce Substitute Ordinance No. 28177, and continue the Appeal hearing to the October 1, 2013 Council meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk