



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

June 28, 2016

12:00 PM

JOINT MEETING WITH THE PORT OF TACOMA

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland and Commissioner Bacon called the joint study session to order at 12:06 p.m.

Present: 8 - Blocker, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Campbell

Port of Tacoma Commissioners Present: 5 - Bacon, Johnson, Marzano, Meyer and Petrich

Joint City Council/Port of Tacoma Commission Briefing Items

1. [16-0624](#) Industrial Sector Overview

At approximately 12:11 p.m., Pat Beard, Community and Economic Development, provided an overview of the industrial sector, including Citywide industrial uses, City Council policy, a comparison of the Tideflats and Port of Tacoma area in 1940 and today, Port industrial uses, variety of industry, a business sampling, and concluded by presenting a map of the Port of Tacoma area.

Scott Francis, Port of Tacoma Real Estate Director, provided an overview of Port of Tacoma industrial development opportunities, including leased and available properties; why businesses are attracted to the Port area; properties located at 1171 Taylor Way, 1212 Taylor Way, 1514 Taylor Way, 3402 Lincoln Avenue, 3400 Taylor Way, 2901 Taylor Way, and 1203 East D Street; the Fredrickson success story, and concluded by discussing real estate goals.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding Port of Tacoma tenants, natural deep water ports, current leases, the importance of access to rail service in the industrial sector, Tacoma Rail and site enhancements.

16-0638 Tacoma Water's Supplies and Demands

At approximately 12:34 p.m., Bob Mack, Linda McCrea, and Glen George, Tacoma Public Utilities provided an overview of Tacoma Water's supplies and demands, including water obligations, service area, water supply, excess capacity, peak yield, planning and responding to droughts, and current and future planning.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding water rights and capacity, water volume available versus customer demand, percentage of water rights being used, sustainability of groundwater, decrease in water usage, water shortages, water management, response to a potential water shortage, water supply of neighboring areas, and communication policy.

2. 16-0626 Tacoma/South Harbor Transportation Projects and Partnerships

At approximately 1:00 p.m., Paula Reeves, The Northwest Seaport Alliance, provided an overview of the Tacoma and South Harbor transportation projects and partnerships, including the ten year road and rail study, base conditions and assumptions, south harbor intermodal yards, rail capacity, roadway projects, and roadway cost estimates.

Thais Howard, Port of Tacoma, discussed the Pierce County Terminal (PCT) project, including project authorization, current queuing, increasing gate volume, future queuing, financial summary, and concluded by discussing the timeline.

Mike Reilly, The Northwest Seaport Alliance, discussed the North Lead Rail project, including project goals, description, and the projected outcome.

Tom Rutherford, Public Works, discussed infrastructure improvement projects, including an update on the Port of Tacoma Road project, pre and post construction, keys to success, Taylor Way, cost, funding, schedule, and the Puyallup River Bridge.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding signal changes, shore power and amenities while in queue, wait times, idling while in queue, number of trucks queuing on Alexander Avenue, capacity for potential expansion, maintenance plan for the Port of Tacoma Road, changes to the Puyallup River Bridge project, project funding and investing in infrastructure.

3. [16-0627](#) City/Port Partnership and Coordinated Enhancement Opportunities

At approximately 1:58 p.m., Mayor Strickland and Commissioner Bacon discussed forming a work group between the City and the Port of Tacoma Commission, to improve communication and notification processes, making sure that Tacoma 2025 and the Port of Tacoma's Strategic Plan are in sync and taking input from various constituents relative to the impact of Port of Tacoma activities. John Wolfe, Port of Tacoma, provided information about the timeline of the Strategic Plan.

Council/Commission Comment

There were no additional comments.

The joint study session was adjourned at 2:03 p.m. and the study session reconvened at 2:12 p.m.

City Council Briefing Items

There were no additional briefing items.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Lonergan stated he would be bringing forward a substitute for Ordinance No. 28367, relative to the proposed Bring Your Own Bag ordinance at the July 12, 2016 meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the differences between the proposed substitute and the original ordinance, collecting fees from retailers, collected fees being used to purchase trash cans, business exemptions, low income exemptions, consistency with laws in other jurisdictions, purchasing reusable bags for low income individuals and the number of stores that would be impacted.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [16-0629](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, June 23, 2016

At approximately 2:38 p.m., T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated there is one proclamation on tonight's agenda, proclaiming July 2016 as LGBTQ Pride Month, and one recognition, recognizing Mr. Stan Naccarato.

Executive Session - Pending Litigation

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Campbell

The Council convened to Executive Session at 2:45 p.m. Chief Deputy City Attorneys Chris Bacha and Bill Fosbre, and Attorney Kymberly Evanson were present.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk