



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

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September 29, 2020

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 2 - Thoms and Mayor Woodards

Mayor Woodards arrived at 1:00 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [20-0635](#) State Legislative Priorities

At approximately 12:08 p.m., Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager, introduced Briahna Murray, Vice President, Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs. Together, they presented the State legislative priorities, including the agenda development timeline; 2021 session overview; the City's legislative agenda; and recommendations, noting systemic reform, responding to COVID-19 as partners, the Northwest ICE Processing Center, affordable housing and homelessness, transportation improvements and preservation, the capital funding requests, collaboration with community partners, and highlights from items the City supports, opposes, and is monitoring.

Mayor Woodards arrived here, at 1:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding construction on Interstate 5, levies, law enforcement reform, opportunities for the City Council to meet with State legislators, Safe Routes to School, speed cameras, Pierce Transit funding, adding climate change issues to the priorities list, pedestrian crossings over Interstate 5, affordable housing, and working with community groups.

2. [20-0637](#) Temporary Emergency Micro-Shelter Update

At approximately 1:36 p.m., Allyson Griffith, Assistant Director, Neighborhood and Community Services, presented the temporary emergency micro-shelter site update, including background, noting the point in time count, shelter capacity, encampment response, and definition of a micro-shelter site; location; budget; timeline; and outreach and communication.

Discussion ensued regarding the timeline for the project, the lease agreement and site operator agreement, community outreach, community response to existing emergency micro-shelter models, getting community feedback earlier in the process, concerns from different neighborhoods, strategies to gain community support, and site requirements and proximity to community assets.

3. [20-0638](#) Systems Transformation Update

At approximately 2:20 p.m., City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented the systems transformation update, including new items, community feedback to 21CP Solutions regarding the Tacoma Police Department, the systems transformation update table, next steps timeline, and the draft transformation timeline.

Other Items of Interest

Deputy Mayor Blocker stated he was bringing forward a letter to nominate Mayor Woodards for the Second Vice President of the National League of Cities. Mayor Woodards provided background on the position and the work done by the National League of Cities.

MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to have the City Council sign the letter in support of Mayor Woodards for the nomination for the Second Vice President of the National League of Cities.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

- 4. [20-0639](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, September 24, 2020

City Manager Pauli stated that there are no ceremonials on tonight's agenda, and no expected changes to the agenda.

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Executive Session- Reviewing the Performance of a Public Employee

MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to convene to an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to discuss the City Manager's Performance Review, not to exceed 90 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Executive Session - Potential Litigation

MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to convene to an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 30 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 2:40 p.m. to discuss the City Manager's Performance Review. City Attorney Bill Fosbre and Deputy City Attorney Steve Victor were present.

The Executive Session concluded, and the study session reconvened at 4:10 p.m.

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Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk