



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

March 01, 2016

12:00 PM

JOINT MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the joint study session to order at 12:07 p.m.

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

Absent: 1 - Campbell

Tacoma Public Utility Board Members Present: 3 - Flint, Larkin and Patterson

Tacoma Public Utility Board Members Absent: 2 - Jones and Trudnowski

Joint City Council/Utility Board Briefing Items

1. [16-0178](#) Tacoma Power Integrated Resource Plan and Conservation Potential Assessment

At approximately 12:10 p.m., Bill Gaines, Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) Director, provided brief opening remarks. Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent, introduced Cam LeHouillier and Stephen Bicker, Tacoma Power. Mr. LeHouillier presented a summary of the recently completed Tacoma Power Integrated Resource Plan, including background information, preferred resource strategy, analytical process and schedule, the Public Advisory Committee, need for resources, candidate resource portfolios, portfolio evaluation criteria, conservation, and renewable energy compliance.

Discussion ensued regarding the resource plan, stakeholder input, hydroelectric power, available power and water, rate differentials, renewable energy compliance, renewable energy credits, conservation, diversification of energy resources, and the community solar project.

Mr. Bicker then provided an overview of the 2016-2017 Conservation Plan, including a conservation potential assessment, portfolio design principles, history of success, program feedback, residential programs, opportunities for

collaboration, commercial programs, completed collaborations, and commitment to continuous improvement.

Discussion continued regarding energy efficiency for renters, outreach for discounts available, conservation programs, consumption savings, loan programs available, number of homes utilizing the residential weatherization program under each rate available, support for the conservation plan, research completed, conservation efforts by Tacoma Water, streetlight conversions, partnering with other organizations to provide programs to gas heated homes, and demand response and real time pricing.

2. [16-0179](#) Tacoma Public Utilities Benchmarking

At approximately 1:28 p.m., Jim Sant, TPU Deputy Director, provided an overview of TPU benchmarking, including background, purpose, considerations, approach, key performance areas, and concluded by providing a summary of the initial report.

Discussion ensued regarding industry standards, equity in performance measures, future performance metrics, customer satisfaction, forms of outreach, and community goals.

The joint study session was adjourned and the regular study session convened at 1:53 p.m.

City Council Briefing Items

There were no other briefing items.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Committee Reports

Council Member Lonergan thanked Council Members Blocker, Ibsen, and McCarthy for attending the Pierce County Regional Council General Assembly meeting.

Mayor Strickland stated that she would like the opportunity to present to the Pierce County Regional Council regarding a comprehensive approach to homelessness.

Deputy Mayor Mello stated that the Association of Washington Cities has been active in lobbying the Washington State Legislature about toxic pollution cleanup and prevention, and support for a bill relative to public disclosure that will lessen the burden on public agencies, while staying transparent to the public. He also stated that he would like to relinquish his responsibility on the Pierce County Regional Council, Regional Access Mobility Partnership, and as

alternate of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee.

Council Member Ibsen stated that the Pierce County Regional Council General Assembly was a great meeting, and that he looks forward to the coming year.

Council Member McCarthy thanked Council Member Lonergan for leading the Pierce County Regional Council General Assembly. He also stated that at the most recent Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee meeting, a potential ordinance in regards to plastic bag usage was discussed.

Council Member Blocker discussed targeted outreach relative to the proposed plastic bag ordinance.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [16-0181](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, February 25, 2016
T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated there are no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, announcements or changes to tonight's agenda.

Executive Session - Potential Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 10 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 Executive Session convened at 2:05 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli and Chief Deputy City Attorney Bill Fosbre were present.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:15p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk