



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

April 09, 2019

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:06 p.m.

Present: 8 - Beale, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Briefing Items

1. [19-0365](#) Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

At approximately 12:08 p.m., Jeff Jenkins, Assistant Director, Public Works (PW), provided opening remarks and introduced Jennifer Kammerzell, Principal Engineer, and Sue O'Neill, Assistant Division Manager, PW. Ms. Kammerzell presented the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including a background; issues; and updates, including completed and removed projects. Ms. O'Neill reviewed specific projects, including streetlight poles and circuit replacements; East 64th Street: Pacific Avenue to East McKinley Avenue (Phase I), Pipeline Trail Phase III, and Brewery District pedestrian and bicycle improvements. Ms. Kammerzell outlined 2018 grant awards, highlighting impacts of the City's action plan on identifying and obtaining grant funding; funding for added projects; funding for the proposed draft TIP; a health, equity, and sustainability analysis; outreach; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding trail projects, including information available online and connections with other regional trail systems, projects located in Northeast Tacoma, Safe Routes to School infrastructure assessments, funding, specific projects, the bike boulevard network, accidents, and road safety improvements.

2. [19-0366](#) 2019-20 CDBG, HOME, and ESG Funding Recommendations for Annual Action Plan

At approximately 12:37 p.m., Daniel Murillo, Housing Division Manager, Community and Economic Development (CED), provided opening remarks and introduced Erica Azcueta, Homelessness and Household Stability Program Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS).

Mr. Murillo presented the 2019-2020 funding recommendations for the Annual Action Plan related to housing and community development, including funding from Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG); the 2015-2019 consolidated plan; staff's request for Committee and Council approvals; a history of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) community planning and development allocations from 2010 to 2019; an allocation summary for 2019-2020; the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority approval process; recommended funding allocations for housing programs; and recommended funding allocations for CED programs.

Ms. Azcueta provided an outline of CDBG public services and ESG funding priorities, including a background on the allocation process; and recommended allocations for CDBG public services and ESG funds in 2019-2020. Mr. Murillo concluded with a review of next steps, including a public hearing on April 16, 2019 and Council consideration of an ordinance on May 7, 2019.

Discussion ensued regarding impacts of City funding; new organizations; continuation of funding at the same levels as the previous year; the idea for staff to provide a high-level review of performance deliverables to the Council; and affordable housing programs and funding.

3. [19-0367](#) TACID & Tacoma Learning Center (Hope Sparks & PAVE) Land Lease and Operation and Use Agreement

At approximately 12:58 p.m., Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager, PW, provided opening remarks and reviewed the proposed land lease with Tacoma Community College (TCC) and the operation and use agreements with Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities (TACID) and Tacoma Learning Center (TLC), including an overview; location of TACID, Hope Sparks and Partnerships for Action, Voices for Empowerment (PAVE) facilities; and background on the lease.

Vicky McLaurin, Social Wellness Program Manager, NCS, provided background on the operation and use agreements; services provided by TACID

and TLC; issues related to the agreements; and next steps for consideration by the City Council, TCC Board, and State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

4. [19-0368](#) Presentation by City Manager's Proposed Fire Chief Candidate, Deputy Fire Chief Tory Green

At approximately 1:03 p.m., Tory Green, Deputy Chief of Administration, Fire, provided opening remarks and presented on his proposed Fire Chief candidacy, including candidate information; and the path forward, highlighting priorities and strategies to establish a healthy culture and to develop internal leadership.

Discussion ensued regarding organizational culture; long range growth of programs and resources; accreditation standards and re-accreditation; staffing, work levels, compensation, and service goals; relationships with organized labor unions; equity in recruitment and hiring; facilities, station locations, and response times; dispatch services and integration with South Sound 911; and next steps, including opportunities for the public to meet Deputy Chief Green and provide comments.

Other Items of Interest

5. [19-0370](#) Council Consideration Request - 2019 Tacoma Reads Together Events

Council Member Ushka presented a Council Consideration Request (CCR) to allocate \$10,000 of City Council Contingency Funds to support 2019 Tacoma Reads Together events.

Discussion ensued regarding the City's involvement, typical budget, and how the funding will be used.

6. [19-0391](#) Council Consideration Request for Transportation Overlay District Advisory Group

Council Member Thoms presented a CCR to reallocate up to \$75,000 of City Council Contingency Funds for planning efforts to support Pierce Transit's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project through creating a Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group (TODAG). He explained the goal is to reallocate funds in the 2019-2020 budget for BRT grants, to establish a broad-based advisory group to make recommendations on the various projects impacting regional and local public transportation facilities in the TOD areas of the City, through a TODAG.

Discussion ensued regarding the areas included in the proposed TODAG to not only be in the Tacoma Dome area, the purpose of the TODAG, and the timeline.

Committee Reports

Council Member Mello stated the Pierce Transit Board met on April 8, 2019, and voted to move forward with the BRT hybrid design alternative between Downtown Tacoma and Spanaway. He further stated that Pierce Transit is launching a pilot project for paid parking stalls at Tacoma Dome station.

Discussion ensued regarding the BRT project, coordination with other agencies, and the impacts of various local and regional transit projects.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

7. [19-0371](#) Weekly Report to the City Manager, April 4, 2019

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated tonight's meeting agenda includes several ceremonials, including proclaiming April 7-13, 2019 as National Library Week, recognizing the Tacoma School District for participation in the WE Schools Program, recognizing the 67th Annual Daffodil Marine Festival and Parade, and introducing the 2019 Daffodil Festival Royal Court. She further stated there are no expected changes to tonight's meeting agenda.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk