



# City of Tacoma Committee of the Whole Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

9th Floor Visibility Center

March 17, 2015

3:00 PM

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## Call To Order

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

**Present:** 6 - Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Walker and Strickland

**Absent:** 3 - Campbell, Thoms and Woodards

Council Member Campbell arrived at 3:05 p.m. and Council Member Woodards arrived at 3:07 p.m.

Mayor Strickland stated she was changing the order of the agenda to discuss the Pierce County AIDS Foundation item first.

## Council Consideration Requests

2. [15-0255](#) Pierce County AIDS Foundation Contribution

Council Member Mello introduced Duane Wilkerson, Executive Director of the Pierce County AIDS Foundation (PCAF). He stated PCAF is working on owning their own facility, which will allow them to save money and better serve their clients, noting the current facility has no confidential space to meet with clients.

Council Member Campbell here, at 3:05 p.m.

Council Member Mello noted PCAF is at the end of their capital campaign and have raised most of their funds through private sources and are now looking to the City to contribute \$50,000 for this final stage. He noted the new facility will have the grand opening tomorrow, but the financing is incomplete. Deputy Mayor Boe inquired about the project cost at \$1.6 million and what was included.

Council Member Woodards here, at 3:07 p.m.

Mr. Wilkerson stated the \$1.6 million includes the facility, site and all construction and buildout costs. He noted the building purchase was \$825,000, briefly reviewed the project and costs, and noted PCAF also received a \$300,000 grant from the Department of Commerce. Mr. Wilkerson then reviewed the financing and capital campaign for the facility. Mayor Strickland inquired about the balance of the Council Contingency Fund. Discussion ensued regarding clients and the services offered by the PCAF and the collaborative work with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. Mayor Strickland stated this will go to the Council meeting for consideration in the next few weeks.

## Briefing Items

### 1. [15-0256](#)

#### City Council 2015 Strategic Priorities

Mary Morrison, City Manager's Office, provided a handout with a summary of the Council workshop of February 20, 2015, showing the proposed strategic policy priorities, which are in alignment with Tacoma 2025 community priorities and will replace the five strategic policy priorities for 2013-2014. She noted the community priorities and the strategic objectives exercise from the Council workshop are also included. Ms. Morrison proposed bringing the strategic priorities and objectives to the City Council in the form of a resolution for adoption. Mayor Strickland noted these items are focus areas for the Council and the City and do not indicate everything the City will continue to do, then thanked Ms. Morrison for facilitating the workshop. She then noted she has had conversations with the Public Utility Board president about how to move forward with Click! Network. She noted there will be a schedule coming forward with public forums at Lincoln and Stadium High Schools.

## Committee Reports

Council Member Walker noted the Pierce County Regional Council had their general assembly last month.

Council Member Campbell stated he attended the National League of Cities event last week with the Mayor and Council Member Thoms. He stated they had great discussions at the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and the director thanked them for coming in, noting Tacoma was the fifth city to do so and they have a lot of respect and investment for Tacoma. He noted his hope to bring the OJJDP director to Tacoma in the future to see the work being done here. He also noted great conversations were held with the Department of Transportation and the White House staff regarding the My Brother's Keeper program. Mayor Strickland noted there was also a meeting with the Federal Transit Administration and confirmed Tacoma can apply for a TIGER grant. Council Member Campbell also noted they met with both senators and staff for the House of Representatives. He thanked the City Manager and staff for the materials provided to Council for the conference.

Council Member Woodards stated the Foundation for Tacoma Students will be releasing an application to allow teachers to apply for small grants to do work around either third grade reading or high school graduation. She stated the Law and Justice Oversight Committee met this week and once again discussed the Pierce County jail and gave an update on the gang project.

Deputy Mayor Boe stated the Cross District Association had their meeting this morning, which he had to leave early to welcome a Finnish delegation to the Center for Urban Waters. He then stated at the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board he has been serving on the task force looking at grading criteria for projects and they are looking at geographic equity, how it works, and if or how to use it as criteria for project grading. He then noted ForeverGreen Trails is expanding Bike Month events and they will be sending out a proposition paper about making a stronger connection from the Tacoma Dome to the Puyallup Riverwalk Trail.

Council Member Lonergan stated the Zoo Trek Authority met recently and had a good update on 2014 attendance for the Point Defiance Zoo and Northwest Trek, Metro Parks bond measures, and construction that will occur at the zoo. He noted the zoo will have one of the most robust jellyfish exhibits in the United States and discussed a partnership with the Science and Math Institute building that will be opening in 2016 within the zoo's footprint.

Council Member Ibsen noted the zoo is always surpassing their goals for attendance, noting Point Defiance gets more people per year than Mount Rainier. He then stated the Joint Municipal Action Committee had a brief presentation about the South Sound Sports Commission.

Council Member Mello stated the Pierce County Flood Control Zone District has been having ongoing discussions about upcoming projects to get in the queue. He stated the Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board is having conversations about military facilities and how to plan for military facilities which are large and impact traffic, the local economy, and neighboring communities. He then stated the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency will present at next week's study session and will include more information on what it means to be in attainment or a non-attainment status. He stated the board has been busy working on their budget, dry cleaner regulations, and near-roadway pollution.

Mayor Strickland noted the budget request from Sound Transit was \$15 billion and the state budget includes approximately \$11.5 billion, so the Sound Transit Board is still trying to get full funding. She noted the importance of bringing service from Federal Way to Tacoma. She stated the City's Transportation Commission recommended the Tacoma Mall be the final terminus, not the Tacoma Dome, but she noted she will continue to fight for service to the

Tacoma Dome at a minimum. She then stated the City did rejoin the Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle and Debbie Bingham is attending those meetings as her designee.

Council Member Walker noted the Association of Washington Cities is working on legislative priorities and is currently looking for a new chief executive officer. She noted the Pierce Transit Board is looking for a new chief executive officer as well.

Council Member Campbell stated he received a preview of the capstone project from many City employees on a reenvisioning in and around the Lincoln District, noting it was very well thought out and looked far beyond obvious streetscape issues. He thanked the City Manager for work done on the project.

### **Other Items of Interest**

There were no other items of interest.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk