



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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May 16, 2023

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Walker called the study session to order at 12:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

Mayor Woodards arrived at 12:05 p.m.

Mayor Woodards participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [23-0504](#) Tacoma Crime Prevention Plan Mid-Year Report

At approximately 12:02 p.m., Avery Moore, Chief, Tacoma Police Department (TPD), introduced Dr. Mike Smith, Professor, University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA). Dr. Smith presented the TPD Violent Crime Reduction Plan mid-year report, including project background, noting hot spot policing and the short-, mid-, and long-term strategy components; the hot spot policing strategy implemented in July 2022, noting analysis locations are done every 60-90 days; mid-year analysis plan; and fidelity results.

Mayor Woodards arrived here, at 12:05 p.m.

Dr. Smith continued reviewing violent crime incident per month, noting trends. He further outlined results from Period 2, noting fidelity, monthly comparisons of Citywide violent crime incidents, a year-to-year comparison during pre-treatment and treatment periods, a comparison of activity with the previous 12-month average; crime by sector; arrests and calls for service city wide and in hot spots; a mid-year summary; next steps for the mid-term strategy, noting the problem-oriented, place-based policing (POPBP) concept, the selected location on South Hosmer Street, training, and the

working group; including continued training; the mid-term strategy timeline; and UTSA's evaluation.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for staff, progress being made, and community members; hot spots criteria; community engagement, noting the Community Safety plan; arrest data; correlation between drug arrests and gun arrests; demographic data; desire to see numbers instead of percentages; impacts of crime; POPBP working group and advisory board participants; locations and timing for each phase of the plan; sex crimes; homicides; specification on periods; consistent reassessment of hot spots; funding; working with other jurisdictions; police officer staffing; specific crime patterns; intervention versus prevention tactics; federal partner relationships; and the disproportionate impact of crime on economically distressed areas.

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The study session recessed at 1:10 p.m.

The study session reconvened at 1:26 p.m.

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2. [23-0505](#) Home in Tacoma Project - Phase 2

At approximately 1:27 p.m., Brian Boudet, Division Manager, Planning and Development Services (PDS), introduced Elliott Barnett, and Alyssa Torrez, Senior Planners, PDS, and presented update on Phase 2 of the Home in Tacoma (HIT) Project, including an agenda, as part of the City's Affordable Housing Action Strategy (AHAS), and objectives. Barnett presented HIT Phase 1 outcomes, HIT Phase 2 engagement overview; Phase 1 policy and related proposals, noting zoning, the hybrid zoning framework, housing types, low- and mid-scale zoning districts, standards, and affordability and anti-displacement. Boudet continued by providing a comparison of Washington State housing-related bills and HIT. Torrez concluded by outlining upcoming HIT open house events, noting all events are free and open to all.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for staff; density bonuses; preemptions; major transit stops; additional amenities; parking requirements; Washington State requirements, noting density and design review; green spaces; design standards; height requirements; unit densities; City-wide conversations; and community goals.

Other Items of Interest

3. [23-0508](#) Letter on Controlled Substances

Mayor Woodards stated that the proposed letter on controlled substances is no longer needed as the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives have already passed Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill (E2SSB) 5536 related to the Washington Supreme Court's State v. Blake decision; that a substitute letter thanking the delegation will be considered at tonight's meeting; and that the City Council will learn more about the impacts of E2SSB 5536 at the Committee of the Whole special meeting later today.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [23-0506](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, May 11, 2023

Deputy City Manager Kurtis Kingsolver stated there are two ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, proclaiming May 21-27, 2023, as National Public Works Week; and proclaiming May 2023 as Building Safety Month. He concluded by stating one change is expected to tonight's consent agenda, to replace Item 10 with a new letter expressing gratitude for passing a measure that addresses controlled substances laws in Washington State.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk