



# City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

**August 26, 2014**

**12:00 PM**

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## Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:04 p.m.

**Present:** 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Walker

Council Member Walker arrived at 1:14 p.m.

Mayor Strickland stated Council Member Campbell is participating telephonically in today's meeting.

## Briefing Items

### 1. 14-0757

Every Other Week Garbage Collection Final Report

Mayor Strickland announced the first study session topic is the every other week garbage collection program. Mike Slevin, Environmental Services (ES) Director, provided background information, including steps taken to launch the program. Gary Kato, ES, provided an overview of the program and objectives, and reviewed customer rightsizing outcomes and revenue changes.

Andy Torres, ES, reviewed recycling and yard waste volume changes, waste diversion rates, fuel use changes, impacts to the carbon footprint, and diesel fuel projections. Mr. Slevin and Mr. Kato concluded by reviewing customer feedback, a financial overview of the program, rate projections, and final outcomes. Discussion ensued throughout regarding the reduced service cost, program drivers, glass recycling, the number of cities in Washington State that have every other week garbage collection, the potential reduction of wear and tear on roads and alleys, customer education, and customer impacts when swapping bins. Council Member Thoms stated the collection calendar on the bins is hard to read; he then suggested staff work with Tacoma Public Utilities to send out the calendar in their mass mailings.

2. **14-0758** North Downtown Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement
- Mayor Strickland announced the next study session topic is the North Downtown Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Ian Munce, Planning and Development Services (PDS), provided an overview of the plan and EIS, including the boundaries, background information, outreach efforts, feedback received on the draft plan, key issues identified and discussed with the Planning Commission, Stadium Way slope design standards, and the Link extension integration. He then reviewed expansion of the reduced parking area (RPA), support for the Bates Campus Master Plan, the Stadium Business District boundaries, on-street parking, and the schedule for the subarea plan and EIS. Discussion ensued regarding outreach efforts, the best way to accommodate growth, the plan to relocate the transient population from Schuster Slope, and the plan language related to on-street parking. Council Member Mello requested staff expand the M-9 Link extension integration recommendation to include other funding sources, and provide design details related to the Bates Campus Master Plan.

3. **14-0760** Emergency Response/Intelligent Systems Plan Update
- Mayor Strickland announced the next study session topic is the Emergency Response/Intelligent Transportation Systems (ER/ITS) Plan update. Jim Duggan, Fire Chief, provided background information regarding the ER/ITS. Mr. Munce reviewed the container port element of the 2014 City of Tacoma Comprehensive Plan, and the 2014 Port of Tacoma Land Use and Transportation Plan. Mike Fitzgerald, Fire Department, concluded by reviewing a map of the draft ER/ITS study area, and information related to the expansion of existing public and private facilities and the associated incremental service upgrades. Discussion ensued regarding safety concerns, cost share, outreach efforts, transportation and emergency preparedness, and financing. Council Member Thoms stated he would like the City to develop the first liquid natural gas safety preparedness program.

Council Member Walker arrived here, at 1:14 p.m.

### **Other Items of Interest**

There were no other items of interest.

### **Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report**

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated there will be one proclamation tonight proclaiming August 26, 2014 as Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful Day.

4. **14-0761** Weekly Report to the City Council, August 21, 2014

## **Closed Session - Labor Negotiations**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)(b) to discuss labor negotiations, the session not to exceed 20 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

## **Executive Session - Pending Litigation**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending and potential litigation, the session not to exceed 15 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Mayor Strickland stated Council would take a five minute break followed by Closed Session.

The Council convened to Closed Session at 1:25 p.m.

The Closed Session concluded and Council took a five minute break at 1:45 p.m.

The study session reconvened at 1:50 p.m.

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:50 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli, Chief Deputy City Attorney Bill Fosbre, and Deputy City Attorney Mike Smith were present.

The Executive Session was extended for 10 minutes at 2:05 p.m.

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

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk