



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

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April 13, 2021

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [21-0355](#) Equity in Contracting

At approximately 12:04 p.m., Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development (CED), provided opening remarks on the Equity in Contracting (EIC) annual report, and introduced Clifford Armstrong, Neighborhood and Community Services Program Manager, CED.

Mr. Armstrong presented the 2020 EIC annual report, including background, noting Initiative 200 in 1998, the 2018 disparity study, the 2019 Community Workforce Agreement task force, the 2019 EIC ordinance, and implementation of EIC in 2020; key performance metrics related to utilization of minority business enterprises (MBE), women business enterprises (WBE), small business enterprise (SBE), and disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE); a proposal to establish an advisory committee to monitor compliance, noting recommended size and positions; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding how utilization rates are calculated, importance of the EIC program, implementing EIC goals, and appreciation for staff.

2. [21-0356](#) Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development 2021-2022

At approximately 12:22 p.m., Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager, CED, presented the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan for housing and community development, noting requirements, goals, and the evaluation process; partnerships with other agencies, noting the Tacoma-Lakewood HOME Consortium, Tacoma/Lakewood/Pierce County Continuum of Care, Pierce County Housing Authority, Tacoma Housing Authority, and new sub-recipient agreements with other agencies; programs and formula allocations related to Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership Program, and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG); funding priorities related to housing, community development, economic development, and human services; the funding approval process and timeline; CDBG allocations, noting programs managed by CED and Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS); ESG allocations, noting programs managed by NCS; HOME program allocations; issues for City Council consideration; next steps; and staff recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding COVID-19 funding allocations, extra funding expected through the America Rescue Plan, eligible uses, funding resources for rapid rehousing and homeless prevention, how funds are allocated, amendments to the Annual Action Plan based on additional one-time funds, the notice of funding availability process, and how funds from various sources are distributed.

3. [21-0357](#) Analysis of Recommendations and Updates on Temporary Mitigation and Stabilization Site

At approximately 12:49 p.m., Linda Stewart, Director, NCS, provided opening remarks; introduced Allyson Griffith, Assistant Director, NCS, Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager, Public Works, and City Attorney Bill Fosbre; and presented an analysis of staff recommendations and updates on the proposed temporary mitigation and stabilization site, including an overview, and additional information on the site located at South 69th Street and Proctor Street. City Attorney Fosbre provided information on Local Improvement District (LID) constraints on the South 69th Street site. Ms. Stewart continued by providing additional information on the site located at South 36th Street and Madison Street, also known as Tacoma Public Utilities Lot 'G'. City Attorney Fosbre provided information on legal and procedural constraints related to the site. Ms. Stewart concluded by outlining staff's recommendation to place the mitigation and stabilization site at the South 69th Street location, next steps for outreach, and future updates to the City Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of people that could be housed at one or more locations, how sites were evaluated, low-barrier site criteria, opportunities to serve more people, additional funding sources and priorities, site security and management, community feedback and support, options to resolve the South 69th Street site LID restriction, permit requirements and process, an equity analysis, issues at other locations, duration of the temporary site, safe parking, camping regulations, other housing opportunities on city-owned property, urgency of the situation, and next steps.

Other Items of Interest

5. [21-0359](#) Council Consideration Request - Camping Ordinance

Council Member Thoms presented a Council Consideration Request for an ordinance regarding restricting camping on public property, noting a previous ordinance was in place that expired in December 2019.

Discussion ensued regarding enforcement, relationship to shelter capacity, legal considerations, role of the Police Chief, COVID-19 guidelines related to encampments, and next steps.

4. [21-0358](#) Council Action Memo - Decarbonization Resolution

Jim Parvey, Environmental Policy and Sustainability Division Manager, Environmental Services, presented a Council Consideration Request for a resolution regarding decarbonization, including an overview, background and relevant policy, summary of the proposed resolution, fiscal impacts and funding, and a timeline for next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, considerations of transportation and transit, and flexible language.

5. [21-0359](#) Council Consideration Request - Camping Ordinance

The item was considered earlier on the agenda.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

6. [21-0360](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, April 8, 2021

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated the systems transformation will be presented during tonight's meeting, that no changes are expected to tonight's agenda, that a Committee of the Whole special meeting will be held after adjournment of the study session, and that Community Forum will be held during tonight's meeting.

Adjournment

Mayor Woodards stated the Committee of the Whole special meeting would begin at 3:15 p.m.

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk