



City of Tacoma

Committee of the Whole Minutes

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August 02, 2022

3:00 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

Call To Order

Mayor Woodards called the special meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Bushnell, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Woodards

Absent: 3 - Blocker, Daniels and Ushka

Council Member Blocker arrived at 3:04 p.m.

Briefing Item

1. [22-0864](#) Council Priority Strategy Workshop Part 2: Access

At approximately 3:02 p.m., Tanisha Jumper, Director, Media and Communications Office (MCO), provided opening remarks and introduced Jacques Colon, Tacoma 2025 Strategic Manager, MCO. Colon presented the workshop objectives, and reviewed the development process for the City Council priority areas, including key objectives and measures of success previously discussed, noting safety, housing and homelessness, and livable wage jobs. He further introduced the City Council priority area of access, including the key objectives to be discussed, and measures of success; and outlined instructions for Council Member feedback. He concluded by reviewing the key objectives and measures, and examples of supporting tactics, for the City Council priority area of access, noting using an equity lens to improve access from investments, increasing language access, and increasing access to transportation and mobility.

Council Member Blocker arrived here, at 3:04 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the scope and types of investments to be considered, the importance of selecting objectives, and how the access priority was developed. Discussion continued regarding measurements for using an equity lens to improve access from investments, including ensuring committee,

board, and commission membership reflects the community; increasing home ownership; ensuring all neighborhoods are thriving and ready for investment; improving access to City staff, elected officials, and services; having a grocery store in every neighborhood; establishing a dashboard of City investments; reducing gaps in the Equity Index; ensuring equitable access to police and fire services; providing parks within 10 minutes for all residents; ensuring broadband is available to all residents; increasing lending and investment across the City; increasing the sense that residents feel invested-in; spreading the tree canopy; reducing difference in insurance rates around the City; conducting a gap analysis; and having similar property assessments regardless of the neighborhood.

Together, Jumper and Colon summarized the top measures, including having a grocery store in every neighborhood, and providing parks within 10 minutes for all residents.

Discussion continued regarding measurements for increasing language access, including establishing a norm for language access; providing interpretation and voice-over for all City communications; conducting all City business in the top five languages; providing multilingual access for TacomaFirst 311; ensuring language accessibility for all departments; improving outreach and education around language access services; updating the City website and communications to be accessible; and providing translatable content on all City webpages and digital services.

Together, Jumper and Colon summarized the top measures, including establishing a norm for language access, providing multilingual access for TacomaFirst 311, and improving outreach and education around language access services.

Discussion continued regarding measurements for increasing access to transportation and mobility, including completing the sidewalk network, establishing a Streets Initiative that includes sidewalks, getting matching grants for mobility projects, renewing the Streets Initiative, meeting Complete Streets goals, creating an accessibility map and promotion, having zero deaths or serious injuries, replacing gravel roads, expanding the bicycle network, completing Safe Routes to School projects, reducing potholes, establishing a standard response to pothole repair, completing alternate routes from Northeast Tacoma by bicycle or bus, and ensuring every neighborhood has adequate street lights.

Together, Jumper and Colon summarized the top measures, including completing the sidewalk network and Safe Routes to School projects, and establishing a standard response to pothole repair.

Jumper concluded by presenting next steps, including staff work to refine the proposed measurements; understanding the difference between tactics and measurements; and the upcoming Committee of the Whole special meeting on August 16, 2022, on the priority area of belief and trust.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk