



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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July 30, 2024

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Briefing Items

1. [24-0809](#)

Good Jobs, Great Cities Program Update

[Bucoda Warren, Senior Policy Analyst, City Manager's Office;
Katie Condit, Chief Executive Officer, WorkForce Central]

At approximately 12:05 p.m., Bucoda Warren, Senior Policy Analyst, City Manager's Office, provided opening remarks on the Good Jobs, Great Cities Program and introduced Katie Condit, Chief Executive Officer, WorkForce Central. Condit presented the City of Tacoma Action Plan, noting goals and key partners; outreach and pilot initiatives, including Eastside Green Jobs Training Center; training and pathway mapping; convening and partner alignment; and funding and federal alignment, noting earn and learn opportunities.

Discussion ensued regarding distribution of funds, pilot programs, appreciation for staff and focus on the Eastside, program requirements and resilience, young adult engagement and opportunities, and language access strategies.

2. [24-0810](#)

Home in Tacoma Project Phase 2 - Planning Commission Recommendations

[Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 12:28 p.m., Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, Planning and Development Services (PDS), provided a brief overview on the Home in Tacoma Project Phase 2 and introduced Alyssa Torrez, Senior Planner, PDS; Chris Karnes, Commissioner, Planning Commission

(PC); Erin Dilworth, Health Community Planner, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department; Heidi Oien, Partner, and Laura Durgerian, Consultant, Mithun; Tyler Bump, Consultant, EcoNW; and Erin Ferguson, Consultant, Parametrix. Together, they presented an agenda; policy background; relationships to the Affordable Housing Action Strategy, state legislative housing bills, and mandates; housing challenge; community input; health impact assessment scope; select recommendations for Council consideration; Environmental Impact Statement; tradeoffs between housing, parking, and landscape; housing test fits and feasibility analysis; detailed test fits and conclusions; economic feasibility and bonuses; PC recommendations; urban residential zones; housing types; district development standards; parking requirements, including reduction to make space for housing; incentive bonuses; affordability; residential target areas, noting Multi-family Tax Exemption Program; unit lot subdivision, including supporting homeownership goals; amenity space and trees; tree retention requirements; additional PC recommendations; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for staff; health department recommendations; multi-plex, noting residential versus commercial; parking, including bike parking and transit; State legislation; home occupation size; tree retention; service partnership priorities, including Solid Waste Management; providing an interactive code requirements tool for current homeowners; community engagement, noting public hearing outreach and language access; current and potential annexations; future parks and outdoor spaces; opportunities for land use creativity; training and workshops; setback modification to incorporate HVAC units; unit lot subdivisions options and requirements; high versus low opportunity index and feasibility; tree bonuses; permit processes in alignment with timeline; planning for growth, including parking tradeoff; new and additional standards; and potential date change of public hearing.

Other Items of Interest

3. [24-0811](#) Council Action Memorandum - Consolidating and Clarifying City Council Recommendations for Certain Proposed City Charter and Municipal Code Amendments
[Mayor Woodards]

Mayor Woodards presented a Council Consideration Request for a resolution consolidating and clarifying motions directing certain Charter Review Committee recommendations and proposed Council Member Charter amendments through various policy development processes for further study and evaluation. She concluded by stating this resolution records and clarifies motions

made at the Council meeting of July 9, 2024, and will define which other process these conversations would fall under and provide clarification to items directed broadly to undefined processes.

Discussion ensued regarding deadlines, timelines, and processes.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [24-0812](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, July 25, 2024
[Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are no ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, and two changes are expected to tonight's agenda, to add the names for the "For" and "Against" Committees to Resolution No. 41496 and to change the date of the Home in Tacoma public hearing.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.



for Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Nicole Emery, City Clerk