



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

September 22, 2015

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Boe called the study session to order at 12:02 p.m.

Present: 5 - Boe, Campbell, Lonergan, Mello and Woodards

Absent: 4 - Ibsen, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Strickland

Council Members Ibsen and Thoms arrived at 12:05 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [15-0150](#) Washington State Department of Transportation Amtrak Station Update

At approximately 12:03 p.m., Ian Munce, Planning and Development Services, introduced Ron Pate, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Rail Division Director. Mr. Pate gave brief remarks and introduced David Smelser, WSDOT Capital Development Program Manager.

Council Members Ibsen and Thoms arrived here, at 12:05 p.m.

Mr. Smelser provided an update on the Amtrak Station at Freighthouse Square, including an overview of the Tacoma Point Defiance Bypass project, participants in creating the station plan, examples of before and after features of Freighthouse Square, examples of comments received, and concluded their presentation by showing a brief promotional video. Discussion ensued regarding design, concerns, quiet zones, and crossover between platforms.

Josh Diekmann, Public Works, presented an overview of the East 25th one-way conversion, including the study area and findings, community and stakeholder engagement, and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding parking stalls, design of one-way system and renderings.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

2. [15-0981](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, September 17, 2015
- At approximately 12:38 p.m., T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated there will be two proclamations and one recognition on tonight's agenda. He stated the first will proclaim October 1, 2015, as Denny Faker Day, and the second will proclaim October 2, 2015, as Tacoma-Pierce County Manufacturing Day and the recognition will recognize the 75th Anniversary of Bates Technical College.

Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

MOTION: Council Member Woodards moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a and b) to discuss labor negotiations, not to exceed 20 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms and Woodards
Absent: 2 - Walker and Mayor Strickland

The Council convened to Closed Session at 12:50 p.m.

The Closed Session was extended by 10 minutes at 1:10 p.m.

The Closed Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

David Boe, Deputy Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk