



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

May 19, 2015

12:00 PM

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### Call to Order

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

**Present:** 5 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Mello and Woodards

**Absent:** 4 - Lonergan, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Strickland

### Briefing Items

1. [15-0528](#) Lincoln District Revitalization Project

City Manager T.C. Broadnax provided background information on the Leadership Education and Administrative Development (LEAD) program and reviewed the LEAD project team for the Lincoln District Revitalization Project. Lisa Wojtanowicz, Neighborhood and Community Services, reviewed the target area map and revitalization model; and discussed the need, framework, and purpose of the project. Anita Gallagher, City Manager's Office, reviewed the state of the neighborhood, including statistics related to race, blight, and income levels; the Lincoln Area Steering Committee and other groups, and other services in the area; City of Tacoma services and plans; and private investments in the area.

Ms. Wojtanowicz reviewed the stakeholder consultation, including assets and challenges. She then played a video of residents and business owners from the area discussing what they believe the community needs to thrive.

Ms. Gallagher provided information regarding the outcomes and measures for the project. Ms. Wojtanowicz and Ms. Gallagher then reviewed recommended revitalization strategies related to economic vibrancy, the built and natural environment, human and social services, health and safety, arts and cultural vitality, education and training, and government performance.

Ms. Gallagher concluded by reviewing next steps, including establishing a cross-functional team to ensure a comprehensive and coordinated service delivery, using the model as a starting point for additional community input and engagement, and establishing a branding identity for the area with

community input. Discussion ensued regarding the project, staff support, outcomes, vacancy rates, plans for tree planting, potential undergrounding of power lines, and how the City will establish a physical presence in the area.

Council Member Mello requested staff continue to explore a revolving loan fund for internal tenant improvements. Council Member Woodards requested staff consider including internships when establishing the physical City presence in the district. Deputy Mayor Boe requested staff include bikeways when planning mobility in the area, and information regarding the rents per square foot in the district.

## 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. [15-0517](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, May 14, 2015

Mr. Broadnax stated at tonight's Council meeting there will be two proclamations: proclaiming May 26, 2015, as Bill Bichsel Day, and May 17-23, 2015, as Hip Hop Appreciation Week in the City of Tacoma. He then stated there are no changes to the published agenda.

Deputy Mayor Boe stated the May 26, 2015 City Council meeting and study session have been cancelled.

## Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

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David Boe, Deputy Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk