



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

July 19, 2016

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:07 p.m.

Present: 6 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 3 - Ibsen, McCarthy and Woodards

Council Member Woodards arrived at 12:14 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [16-0682](#) Puyallup Tribe Emerald Queen Casino Project Update

At approximately 12:08 p.m., Alisa O'Hanlon, City Manager's Office, provided brief opening remarks and introduced Bill Sterud, Tim Reynon and Andrew Strobel, Puyallup Tribe of Indians. Mr. Strobel provided background information and introduced Jim Houchins, Weneha Group, who provided a design update of phase 2 of the Interstate 5 casino project, including project site and site studies.

Council Member Woodards arrived here, at 12:14 p.m.

Mr. Houchins continued his presentation by discussing parking facilities, the casino and event center, and concluded with conceptual sketches of the façade, porte cochère and promenade.

Discussion ensued regarding view from Portland Avenue, number of hotel rooms planned for the hotel, size of the event space, number of jobs created by the project, transit connections, number of parking spaces, the City providing a letter of support, land use or permitting needed, timeline, plans for current facility and the modeling of the new facility.

2. [16-0683](#) 2016 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code

At approximately 12:35 p.m., Brian Boudet, Planning and Development Services (PDS), provided brief opening remarks and introduced Stephen Atkinson, PDS. Mr. Atkinson provided an overview of the 2016 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code. He discussed background; subject areas; and Planning Commission recommendations, including future land use implementation, multi-family design standards, wireless communication facilities, short-term rentals, Municipal Code cleanups, and concluded by discussing general recommendations and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding short-term rentals, notification process, allowed number of rentable rooms for short-term rentals, future development at South 72nd and South Alaska streets, multi-family design standards, concerns related to short-term rentals and licensing requirements for short-term rentals.

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

3. [16-0684](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, July 14, 2016

At approximately 1:20 p.m., T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated there is one recognition on tonight's agenda, recognizing Mr. Stan Selden, and at this time there are no known changes.

Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)(b) to discuss labor negotiations, not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Ibsen and McCarthy

The Council convened to Closed Session at 1:25 p.m.

The Closed Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk