



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

September 09, 2014

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Present: 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Briefing Items

1. 14-0807

Legislative Policy Statement 2015-2016

Mayor Strickland announced the first study session topic is the 2015-2016 Legislative Policy Statement. Randy Lewis, Government Relations Officer, provided background information; described the fiscal home rule; and reviewed State shared revenue, including items not included in the State shared revenue. He then reviewed State authorized taxes, local taxes, and potential changes to the Legislative Policy Statement. Discussion ensued regarding the net gain from local taxes, outreach efforts with the Association of Washington Cities, the timeline for adopting the Legislative Policy Statement, the impacts of using the fiscal home rule as an organizing philosophy, potential implementation strategies, how the home rule is used in other jurisdictions, and potential budget impacts.

Mr. Lewis continued to review changes to the Legislative Policy Statement, and concluded by reviewing next steps. Discussion ensued regarding the Growth Management Act (GMA) and conversations with legislators regarding the fiscal home rule. Mayor Strickland requested staff add language to the Legislative Policy Statement regarding the GMA. Council Member Walker requested staff include the Council in conversations with legislators.

2. 14-0820

Tacoma Link Expansion Station Location

Mayor Strickland announced the next study session topic is the Tacoma LINK expansion station location. Public Works Director Kurtis Kingsolver provided background information, and reviewed the walking distance between the proposed locations and the existing Theater District station, and the proposed Old City Hall Station. He then reviewed the project timeline of next steps, and

summarized the proposed seven station locations to be examined in the environmental review phase of the project. Discussion ensued regarding project funding, the project timeline and next steps, the impacts of adding new stations versus using existing stations, the environmental review process, walking distance, whether additional stations can be added at a later date, and ridership data.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated tonight's agenda includes a proclamation proclaiming September 9, 2014 as United Way Day of Caring Day. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli reviewed proposed changes to Resolution No. 39005 related to a lease agreement between the City and the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority for the Pantages Theater. Mr. Broadnax stated there will be Citizens' Forum during which there may be a group of citizens that will address paid sick leave. He concluded by noting there will be a public hearing on the draft North Downtown Subarea Plan and proposed amendments to the Municipal Code Chapter 13.06A.

- 3. **14-0808** Weekly Report to the City Council, September 4, 2014

Adjournment

Upon proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk