



# City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

April 19, 2016

12:00 PM

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## Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Mello called the study session to order at 12:05 p.m.

**Present:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Strickland

## Briefing Items

1. [16-0324](#) Draft Sound Transit 3 Proposal

At approximately 12:06 p.m., Chelsea Levy, Government and Community Relations Officer, Sound Transit, presented the draft Sound Transit 3 (ST3) Plan, including the mission, University of Washington and Capitol Hill Stations, Sound Transit 2 projects in South King and Pierce Counties, and planning for the future. Ms. Levy introduced Eric Chipps, Senior Transportation Planner, Sound Transit. Mr. Chipps reviewed the ST3 draft plan's highlights for Pierce County, and programs and future investment studies. Ms. Levy concluded by discussing funding and timeline.

Discussion ensued regarding how the City Council could help to speed up the timeline for the proposed 2023 linking of light rail from the Tacoma Dome to SeaTac Airport and points north. Streamlining the permitting process, communicating and defining the benefits to the tax payers, the need for more frequency of service, and Sound Transit's negotiations with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Company, and the mistake of phasing out Sound Transit bus service to Seattle.

2. [16-0325](#) Community Technology Survey

At approximately 12:57 p.m., Jack Kelanic, Information Technology Director, provided a presentation on the Community Technology Survey, including an

overview, background, issues, outreach, recommendations and next steps for the project. Mr. Kelanic stated the purpose of the residential survey is to provide a baseline for the City to measure our progress of developing a digitally engaged community over the next 5 to 10 years.

Discussion ensued regarding digital equity and how to reach underserved communities, need for the survey to be online, keeping the survey simple and straightforward, reaching out to the Tacoma Housing Authority, possibility of utilizing community centers with network access, importance of good data, random sampling versus focusing efforts to match the demographics of the City.

3. [16-0326](#) Environmental Services Bond Refinancing

At approximately 1:33 p.m., Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Environmental Services Director, presented information on Environmental Services bond refinancing, including an overview, background, issues, next steps, and recommendations for the refinancing of the 2006 Solid Waste and Sewer bonds, and the TES Properties 2009 Lease Revenue bonds.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Committee Reports

Council Member Ibsen reported on the Joint Municipal Action Committee's indepth discussion of Vision 2040 regarding, transportation and regional priorities. Council Member Lonergan reported on the great turnout for JobFest, hosted by WorkForce Central and the Tacoma STAR Center. The annual event is for job seeker's age 16-24.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [16-0323](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, April 14, 2016

T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated that there are two proclamations on tonight's agenda, proclaiming April 22, 2016, as Earth Day and April 29, 2016, as Save KPLU Day. He stated there are no changes to tonight's agenda.

## **Executive Session - Potential Litigation**

**MOTION: Council Member Woodards moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 15 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Strickland

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:55 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli was present.

The Executive Session was extended by 25 minutes at 2:10 p.m. and 2:35 p.m. and by five minutes at 3:00 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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Ryan Mello, Deputy Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk