



# City of Tacoma Committee of the Whole Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

9th Floor Visibility Center

**June 03, 2014**

**3:00 PM**

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## Call To Order

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 3:26 p.m.

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

## Briefing Items

### 1. 14-0449 Charter Review Proposed Amendments Discussion

Mayor Strickland stated the purpose of today's discussion is to pare down the proposed Charter amendments. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli stated five proposed amendments were submitted to her after the Charter Review Committee's report and recommendations were submitted to the City Council on May 6, 2014. She stated one has been subsequently withdrawn, and then reviewed the four remaining amendments in further detail, stating they include a proposed change to Charter Section 2.35 regarding term limits for Council; a request from Human Resources to delete the word "free" from Section 6.14 in the area which speaks to examinations; a request to incorporate Neighborhood Business Districts into the Charter; and a proposal to allow for a program for publicly-financed political campaigns.

Ms. Pauli stated the next step is deciding how to move these proposed amendments forward to the ballot. She stated two special meetings have been tentatively scheduled on June 17 and 24, 2014 to review the proposed amendments and Council will make motions on which amendments they wish to move forward. She stated she has combined the proposed amendments into groupings where possible and provided Council Members with the proposed groupings. She explained how some can be grouped together and discussed the composition of the ballot titles. She then reviewed each proposed amendment or grouping in further detail.

Discussion ensued regarding the election schedule and whether public comment will be taken at the special meetings.

Council Member Mello requested to reschedule the June 24, 2014 special meeting due to his inability to attend. Council Member Walker noted she is unable to attend both meetings but may be interested in participating by telephone. Discussion continued regarding the rationale behind the proposal to incorporate Neighborhood Business Districts into the Charter.

### **Council Consideration Requests**

None.

### **Committee Reports**

Council Member Walker stated she attended the Association of Washington Cities' Legislative Committee meeting recently and priorities for next year were discussed.

### **Other Items of Interest**

There were no other items of interest.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk