



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

June 30, 2015

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:04 p.m.

Present: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Briefing Items

1. [15-0690](#) Streets Repair Measure

At approximately 12:04 p.m., Mayor Strickland provided an overview of the proposed streets repair measure, including stakeholder input, dedicated funding efforts, original proposal, potential funding sources, proposed package funding, proposed projects, residential street improvements, other projects, ballot measures, street repair and maintenance funding, and the Pierce County Auditor's timeline.

Discussion ensued regarding deferred maintenance, sunseting and accountability, contingencies if both ballot measures do not pass, the General Fund biennial budget, and timelines.

2. [15-0691](#) Tacoma Minimum Wage Task Force Final Recommendations

At approximately 12:42 p.m., Tadd Wille, Budget Director, provided a brief background on the Tacoma Minimum Wage Task Force and introduced Jim Reid of the Falconer Group who acted as a facilitator for the Task Force. Mr. Reid provided an overview of the process used, agreements made, proposals, and the Pierce County Auditor's timelines. Discussion ensued regarding average household income, support for proposals, process, franchises, number of residents holding jobs within the City, meeting summaries, and number of residents living on fixed incomes. Deputy Mayor Boe requested information on the number of residents living on fixed incomes.

Discussion continued regarding earnings by age, cost impact to the General Fund, business implications, tip credit, timeframe, local and global employee counts, employee threshold, temporary employees, cost analysis versus 15 Now, cost of paid sick leave, correlation between education level and area median income, average cost of living in Tacoma, strategies for lifting citizens out of poverty, factors of poverty, education levels and distinction between large and small employers.

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. [15-0692](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, June 25, 2015
At approximately 1:45 p.m., T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated at tonight's City Council meeting there are no proclamations or recognitions scheduled. He stated there is one change to tonight's agenda, staff will have a motion prepared for the City Council to consider suspending the rules to introduce a Resolution relieving the Tacoma Minimum Wage Task Force final report.

Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)(b), not to exceed 20 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Thoms

The Closed session started at 1:45 p.m.

The Closed session was extended for 10 minutes at 2:05 p.m.

The Closed session ended at 2:15 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk