



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

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July 20, 2021

12:00 PM

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Conference Room 16

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:06 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Deputy Mayor Blocker participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [21-0692](#) Systems Transformation

At approximately 12:08 p.m., City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented an update on systems transformation, including new items, noting updates on recruitment of a new Human Resources Director, the supervisor policy learning program, eviction moratorium, Tacoma Police Department (TPD) body worn cameras and dashboard cameras, an executive meeting on the intent and implementation of House Bill 1310, and legislation-related TPD policy updates; recent accomplishments, items in-progress, upcoming activities; and short- and long-range transformation timelines.

Discussion ensued regarding the eviction moratorium; use of force issues related to House Bill 1310; and additional information to be provided to the City Council.

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Mayor Woodards stated that this is the City Council's first hybrid meeting, with some attendees in the room and others participating virtually; expressed appreciation for staff; and discussed the shift to offer both in-person and remote meeting participation options.

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Other Items of Interest

- 2. [21-0693](#) Council Consideration Request - South Sound Affordability Partners

Mayor Woodards presented a Council Consideration Request (CCR) requesting a resolution authorizing execution of an intergovernmental agreement establishing and confirming the City of Tacoma’s participation in South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHAP) and allocating council contingency funding for startup in 2021; and introduced John Howell, Founding Partner, Cedar River Group, and Marty Kooistra, Executive Director, Housing Development Consortium.

Discussion ensued regarding support for SSHAP, other participating cities, the funding requested and how much each city is responsible for, regional impacts of affordability, leadership efforts, and next steps.

- 3. [21-0694](#) Council Consideration Request - Black Lives Matter Mural

Mayor Woodards introduced Andreta Armstrong, Human Rights Manager, Office of Equity and Human Rights. Together, Mayor Woodards and Ms. Armstrong presented a CCR requesting \$10,000 of Council Contingency Funds to support the Kinsey African American Art & History Collection and installation of a Black Lives Matter mural in Tollefson Plaza.

Discussion ensued regarding activities related to Heal the Heart of Tacoma and Black Lives Matter, the Kinsey family and their art collection, timeline, and community access.

- 4. [21-0695](#) Council Consideration Request - Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustee’s Term Extension

Mayor Woodards presented a CCR requesting a resolution extending the appointment term of Tacoma Public Library (TPL) Board Trustee Wayne Williams for a period not to exceed three months, noting ongoing TPL Board projects, trustee terms, and timeline for the extension.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for Mr. Williams’ service.

5. [21-0696](#) Manuel Ellis Investigation Update

Mike Ake, Interim Chief, TPD, provided an update on the Manuel Ellis investigation, including status of interviews, the investigation timeline, and goals.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

6. [21-0697](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, July 15, 2021

City Manager Pauli stated that there are no ceremonials and no changes expected on tonight's meeting agenda; and reminded the City Council that a Committee of the Whole is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. later today, to discuss the Home in Tacoma Project public hearing.

Executive Session - Potential Litigation

The Executive Session was not held.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk