



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

July 28, 2015

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Present: 6 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 3 - Lonergan, Mello and Thoms

Council Member Mello arrived at 12:07 p.m., and Council Member Lonergan arrived at 12:32 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [15-0801](#) 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update

At approximately 12:06 p.m. Brian Boudet, Planning and Development Services (PDS), provided a brief overview of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan and introduced Debra Munkberg, Consultant, 3 Square Blocks, and Stephen Atkinson, PDS.

Council Member Mello arrived here, at 12:07 p.m.

Ms. Munkberg continued to review public engagement, context of planning, major themes, and proposed policy elements. Mr. Atkinson reviewed policy and program elements, coordinated planning, urban form, design and development, housing and economic development.

Council Member Lonergan arrived here, at 12:32 p.m.

Mr. Atkinson continued by reviewing environmental concerns, land use designation review, future land use, high priority projects, and next steps. Discussion ensued throughout regarding the importance of having a comprehensive plan, economic development, missing middle housing, fair housing regulations, land use designations, crossroad centers, mixed use centers, defining neighborhood commercial versus neighborhood center, urban form, climate risk assessment project, and future city growth.

2. [15-0802](#) Mixed Use Center Review - Summary of Recommendations

At approximately 12:54 p.m., Mr. Atkinson provided a brief background of the mixed use center study, and introduced John Owen, Makers Architecture and Urban Design. Mr. Owen provided an overview of the study, including key findings, feasibility analysis, building types supported by apartment rents, types of cost effective parking relative to land price, analysis, types of centers, and strategies.

Discussion ensued regarding the impact of parking, the Lincoln Business District, recreation facilities and parks, mixed use centers, and parking options.

3. [15-0803](#) 2015 Second Quarter Financial Update

At approximately 1:25 p.m., Tadd Wille, Budget Director, presented a 2015-2016 Biennial Budget second quarter 2015 financial and performance report. He provided an update on the 2015 General Fund, including revenues, revenue variance, comparison of 2014 and 2015 second quarter tax revenue, expenditures, and expenditure variance. He then reviewed General Fund supported funds, including the Traffic Enforcement Fund, Permit Services Fund, Streets Operations and Engineering Fund, Parking Fund, and Public Assembly Facilities funds.

Mr. Wille then briefly discussed the Budget Initiative Tracker report and the Tacoma 24/7 and budget performance report, and introduced Don Ramsdell, Police Chief, Tacoma Police Department (TPD), and Jim Duggan, Fire Chief, Tacoma Fire Department (TFD). Chief Ramsdell reviewed performance measures for TPD in regards to calls for service. Chief Duggan then reviewed performance measures for TFD, including emergency incidents, mitigation strategies, and outdoor fires.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding expenses, bonding capacity, the TFD Cares program, and response time.

4. [15-0804](#) Project P.E.A.C.E. Briefing

At approximately 1:57 p.m., T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, and Chief Ramsdell provided an overview of Project P.E.A.C.E., including background information, project goals, long-term goals, outreach, and community conversations.

Discussion ensued regarding support for the project, outreach, recruitment, partner involvement, reinstating a Citizens' Academy, and youth participation.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Campbell stated that he will be proposing several amendments for tonight's agenda. He stated that he proposes amending Resolution No. 39242, to increase the initial terms for all positions of the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries by two months, to expire September 30, 2015 and to add Joseph Zawacki to the Council District No. 1 position. He also stated that he will be proposing an amendment to Resolution No. 39243, to add Don Hanson to the Initiative No. 1B "For" Committee, John Messina and Connie Ladenburg to the Initiative No. 2 "For" Committee, and Steven Cook and Betsy Tainer to the Proposition No. 3 "Against" Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed amendments.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

5. [15-0805](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, July 23, 2015
At approximately 2:30 p.m., Mr. Broadnax stated there are no proclamations, recognitions or presentations on tonight's agenda, and that Council Member Campbell would bring forward proposed amendments to Resolution Nos. 39242 and 39243.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk