



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

March 04, 2014

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:07 p.m.

Present: 7 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Walker and Woodards

Council Member Walker arrived at 12:10 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. 14-0168

Legislative Update

Mayor Strickland announced the first study session topic is a legislative update and introduced Randy Lewis, Government Relations Officer. Mr. Lewis reviewed upcoming key dates, a summary of the legislative agenda, and legislative bills relative to liens and collecting liens on property taxes.

Council Member Walker arrived here, at 12:10 p.m.

Mr. Lewis continued to review legislation relating to liens, waste oil, speed cameras, affordable housing, marijuana dispensaries and collective gardens. He then reviewed budget comparisons, including operating budget highlights, policy differences, liquor revenue, and capital budgets relating to The Evergreen State College's Tacoma Campus, Wapato Lake stormwater cleanup, and the Prairie Line Trail Art Park. Discussion ensued regarding legislative bills relating to marijuana, including collective gardens and dispensaries, and revenue from liquor and marijuana sales. Council Member Boe requested information regarding the acquisition of the Prairie Line Trail Art Park.

2. 14-0169

Hilltop Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

Mayor Strickland announced the second study session topic is the Hilltop Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement and introduced Brian Boudet, Planning and Development Services. Mr. Boudet reviewed public comment from the Planning Commission's public hearing, from the

Department of Ecology and concerns from the community relating to contaminated soil cleanup, public outreach and notification, the community working group, open houses, scoping meetings, stakeholder focus group, surveys, presentations to neighborhood groups, affordable housing, gentrification, establishing an affordable Hilltop mixed-use centers, and a system that activates policies and regulations to promote the production of new affordable housing trends. Discussion ensued regarding affordable housing in the Hilltop area, including policies, gentrification, jobs, transportation, schools, and regional outlooks. Mr. Boudet continued to review next steps, including future City Council dates and public hearings.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

T.C. Broadnax, City Manager stated there is a proclamation to set March as Women's History Month, and a presentation of the key to the city will be given to Derek "DC" Clark. Mr. Broadnax stated study session and the business meeting of March 11, 2014 has been cancelled, and a motion may be considered at tonight's meeting to move Citizen's Forum to the meeting of March 18, 2014.

14-0167 Weekly Report to the City Council, February 27, 2014.

Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

MOTION: Council Member Boe moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)(b) to discuss labor negotiations, the session not to exceed 20 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Woodards

The Council convened to Closed Session at 12:50 p.m.

At 1:10 p.m., the Closed Session was extended for 10 minutes.

At 1:20 p.m., the Closed Session was extended for 10 minutes.

The Closed Session concluded and the study session recovered at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk