



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

May 05, 2015

12:00 PM

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### Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:08 p.m.

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

### Briefing Items

1. [15-0471](#) Rules of Procedure of the Council - Proposed Revisions

At approximately 12:09 p.m., City Manager, T.C. Broadnax, discussed proposed revisions to the Rules of Procedure of the Council, including a modification to the time that Council Study Sessions begin, and a change to the order of business in regards to the Consent Agenda. He stated the proposed revision will move the start time of standing weekly study sessions from noon to 10:00 a.m., and the other proposed revisions would allow resolutions regarding multi-family tax exemption and other non-controversial resolutions to be approved on the Consent Agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding changing the time of weekly Study Sessions, cancellation of the Committee of the Whole meetings, changing the time of the Economic Development committee meetings, and approval of resolutions on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Broadnax stated that staff would use discretion in placing items on the consent agenda. Discussion continued regarding prudence with the public's time, hearing public comment before the Consent Agenda, rule 15c of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, the Open Public Meetings Act, quorum violations, and a formal review of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma.

## Other Items of Interest

### 15-0488 Minimum Wage

At approximately 1:01 p.m., Mayor Strickland presented a letter written by the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber voicing concern over the 15 Now Tacoma citizen petition and requesting that the City Council form a stakeholders group to examine increasing the minimum wage in the City. Mayor Strickland announced that she would be establishing a new task force called the Tacoma Minimum Wage Task Force and requested each Council Member nominate an individual. She stated with thirteen members total, the task force would then review minimum wage alternatives in Tacoma and discuss the issues surrounding income equality and minimum wage. She concluded with recommendation from the task force will need to be submitted by June 30, 2015, in order to submit a ballot measure to the Pierce County Auditor by August 4, 2015, for the November General Election.

Discussion ensued regarding development regulations, Seattle affordability, business community concerns, income inequality, task force diversity, and policy.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

### 2. 15-0472 Weekly Report to the City Council, April 30, 2015

At approximately 12:38 p.m., Mr. Broadnax stated that there are two proclamations on tonight's agenda, proclaiming May 2015 as Historic Preservation Month and Bike Month in the City. He stated on tonight's agenda an addition of Resolution 39187, establishing the Tacoma Minimum Wage Task Force and a substitute to Ordinance No. 27999, may be presented for consideration.

Mayor Strickland noted that today's Committee of the Whole meeting has been cancelled.

## Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor 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 15 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

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

The Council convened to Closed Session at 1:30 p.m.

The Closed Session was extended for 10 minutes at 1:45 p.m., 1:55 p.m., and 2:05 p.m.

The Closed Session concluded at 2:15 p.m.

## **Executive Session - Real Estate Negotiations**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) to discuss real estate negotiations, the session not to exceed 20 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

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

The Council convened to Executive Session at 2:20 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli, Chief Deputy City Attorney Bill Fosbre, and Deputy City Attorney Jeff Capell were present.

The Executive Session was extended for 10 minutes at 2:40 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:50 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk