



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

July 25, 2017

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Present: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Mello and Thoms

Council Member Mello arrived at 12:09 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [17-0747](#) Links to Opportunity Project Update

At approximately 12:05 p.m., Ian Munce, Special Assistant to the Director, Planning and Development Services (PDS), made opening remarks and provided information on the Links to Opportunity project related to a partnership between the City and Sound Transit, including an overview, map of streetscape planning area, project background, coordination with Sound Transit, and funding. He then thanked Kurtis Kingsolver, Director, Public Works (PW), for his efforts in matching funds. Lauren Flemister, Senior Planner, PDS, provided information relative to the Ladders of Opportunity Technical Assistance grant.

Council Member Mello arrived here, at 12:09 p.m.

Carol Wolfe, Supervisor, Community and Economic Development, then introduced Brendan Nelson, Hilltop Action Coalition and Hilltop Community Engagement Committee, and William Towey, Policy Manager, Tacoma Urban League and Hilltop Community Engagement Committee, and provided information on the Hilltop Community Engagement Committee, including its history, responsibilities, and composition. Mr. Nelson and Mr. Towey shared their thoughts and concerns on the current project, how the Committee operates, and improving towards equity environment.

Diane Sheesley, Project Manager, PW, provided information on the contractor selection process and the outcome, in efforts to expand the community engagement, and introduced Eric Alozie, Outreach Consultant, and Todd Swain, AHBL, Inc. Mr. Alozie and Mr. Swain provided information related to the community outreach, including the process, lessons learned, educating the community, linking residents, next steps for outreach, and streetscape design milestones. Monica Ghosh, Project Coordinator, reviewed the immediate next steps and project timeline.

Discussion ensued regarding the importance of the project, 2018 scope and commitment, the need and importance of the third party consultant, training and outcome, lessons learned, the need for more information on the Workforce and Minority and Woman Owned Business components, safety issues, and center platform design.

2. [17-0748](#) Equity Update

At approximately 12:48 p.m., Diane Powers, Director, Office of Equity and Human Rights (OEHR), made opening remarks and introduced Mary Morrison, Management Analyst, OEHR. Ms. Morrison provided an update on the City's 2016 equity accomplishments and initiative for 2017, including an overview, an equity video, vision, mission, goals, engagement, and training curriculum. Ms. Morrison provided information on equity versus equality and 2016-2017 highlights, including recruiting and hiring, training, retaining, purposeful outreach and engagement, equitable service delivery, supporting human rights, and equity in policy decisions. Ms. Morrison concluded by reviewing the next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the outreach, presenting to other government entities, equity versus equality method, collaborating with other government entities, the need for tools to address the price increase on rental and affordable housings, loan to value impacts, and tax control.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Committee Reports

Council Member Ibsen stated he attended the Joint Municipal Action Committee meeting and discussed the Pierce County-led Opioid Task Force, and thanked Council Member McCarthy for joining the group.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [17-0749](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, July 20, 2017

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are no ceremonials and one expected change to tonight's agenda to remove Ordinance No. 28441, relating to Complete Streets.

Executive Session - Pending Litigation and Performance Review of a Public Employee

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) to discuss pending litigation, not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Executive Session - Pending Litigation and Performance Review of a Public Employee

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g) to discuss public employee's performance, not to exceed 30 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Thoms

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:31 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre and Deputy City Attorney Jean Homan were present.

The Executive Session was extended by 5 minutes at 1:46 p.m.

The Executive Session was concluded at 1:51 p.m.

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:51 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre was present.

The Executive Session was extended by 15 minutes at 2:21 p.m., 10 minutes at 2:36 p.m. and 2:46 p.m., and 15 minutes at 2:56 p.m and 3:11 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 3:26 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk