



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

September 15, 2015

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:03 p.m.

Present: 5 - Boe, Campbell, Lonergan, Walker and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 4 - Ibsen, Mello, Thoms and Woodards

Council Members Ibsen and Mello arrived at 12:06 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [15-0944](#) Solid Waste Management Plan

At approximately 12:04 p.m., Gary Kato, Environmental Services, provided a brief background of the Solid Waste Management Plan, and introduced Steve Wamback, Sustainable Resources Division Administrator, Pierce County.

Council Members Ibsen and Mello arrived here, at 12:06 p.m.

Mr. Kato continued his presentation by reviewing why an update is needed, plan update team, and framework. Mr. Wamback then reviewed draft vision and goals, sample content, public outreach opportunities, formal review and approval process and schedule. Discussion ensued regarding 20 minute neighborhoods, the amount of garbage produced per person per day, reducing waste stream and policy decisions.

2. [15-0945](#) Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries 2015 Decision

At approximately 12:21 p.m. Terry Mensonides, Chair, Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries, presented the elected officials salary decision to the Council, and provided information on the decision making process. Discussion ensued regarding continued research needed, commission members, meeting attendance, salary enhancement when serving as Deputy Mayor, Councilmanic duties, and how Council roles have changed.

Committee Reports

Deputy Mayor Boe stated that ForeverGreen trails conference is next month, on October 14, 2015, at 4:30 p.m. at the Puyallup Activity Center where there will be a panel discussing trails across jurisdictions. He stated Andrew Austin, Transportation Choices, will be the guest speaker. He also stated that the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board met last week, where a presentation was given on traffic congestion, and an update was given on the Sound Transit expansion.

Council Member Mello stated that the Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board met recently where a presentation was given by Ian Munce, Planning and Development Services, and the University of Washington - Tacoma, about the Downtown Regional Growth Center Plan.

Council Member Ibsen stated that the Joint Municipal Action Committee met last week, where a presentation was given by Mayor Strickland in regards to the streets ballot measures and Pierce County Executive Pat McCarthy provided information about the County-City building proposal.

Council Member Walker stated the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners met yesterday to discuss creating an office of public safety. She stated that the Association of Washington Cities Board held a retreat in August on advocacy techniques on how to be more effective at the state level and noted the Pierce County Regional Council will be meeting this Thursday.

Council Member Campbell gave a reminder that the Safe Streets Board will be holding a breakfast tomorrow morning. He also stated that the Tacoma Arts Commission met last night and gave a presentation on the Prairie Line Trail.

Council Member Lonergan stated that the ZooTrek Authority met recently at Northwest Trek, where they were shown the progress being made on the play area that is being developed. He stated they will work on budget adjustments at their next meeting.

Mayor Strickland stated that the City has received a grant from the Federal Transportation Administration to complete work along the Link extension corridor. She also stated that she has given several recent presentations in regards to the upcoming streets ballot measures.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [15-0946](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, September 10, 2015
At approximately 12:54 p.m., T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated that there are two proclamations and one presentation on tonight's agenda, proclaiming September 12-20, 2015 as Welcoming Week; proclaiming September 14-18, 2015 as Eyes of the Totem Week, and a video presentation on the 2015 Gun SafeT Awareness Project.

Executive Session - Director of Utilities Performance Review and Potential Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to discuss the performance of the Director of Tacoma Public Utilities, not to exceed 10 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Walker and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Thoms and Woodards

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:00 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli was present.

The Executive Session was extended by 10 minutes at 1:10 p.m., and 1:20 p.m., and by 15 minutes at 1:30 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

Executive Session - Director of Utilities Performance Review and Potential Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Walker and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Thoms and Woodards

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:45 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli was present.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:55 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk