



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers
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March 05, 2024

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Hines called the study session to order at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh and Walker

Absent: 4 - Diaz, Scott, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Council Member Scott arrived at 12:02 p.m., Mayor Woodards arrived at 12:08 p.m., and Council Member Diaz arrived at 12:10 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [24-0210](#)

Homeless Strategy Quarterly Update.

[Caleb Carbone, Principal Community Resources Analyst; Javon Carlisle, Principal Community Resources Analyst; Allyson Griffith, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

At approximately 12:00 p.m., Allyson Griffith, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) introduced Caleb Carbone and Javon Carlisle, Principal Community Resources Analysts, NCS, and provided opening remarks on the homeless service and strategy update.

Council Member Scott arrived here, at 12:02 p.m.

Together, Carbone and Carlisle presented an overview; implementation of Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 8.19, noting liaison teams outreach statistics in prohibited and non-prohibited areas, and 311 requests related to homelessness.

Mayor Woodards arrived here, at 12:08 p.m.

Carlisle presented reasons why un-housed individuals refused service.

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

Carlisle continued with storage procedures, and current Homeless Engagement Alternatives Liaison (HEAL) team response application and future dashboards. Carbone concluded with racial and ethnicity demographics, noting outreach breakdown; homeless strategy, noting the objectives to address racial disparities; shelter updates; and strategy goals and objectives, noting actions taken since the last update, currently, and in the near future.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for the breakdown of the homeless strategy; definition of accept services; occupancy and next steps for shelter stand downs; shelter providers, security, and services; storage unit capacity, noting collaboration with Pierce County; funding, noting opioid settlement and state legislative funding; ongoing data; community conversations around options; and after-action report.

Other Items of Interest

2. [24-0211](#) Council Consideration Request - Tacoma Refugee Choir's First Annual Symposium Sponsorship.
[Council Member Walker]

Council Member Walker presented a Council Consideration Request (CCR) to allocate \$10,000 of Council Contingency Funds to sponsor the Tacoma Refugee Choir's (TRC) first annual symposium, "From Welcoming to Cooperation" which is open to all and aims to expand TRC's work in the community by bringing together people in Tacoma working in the space of arts programming, nonprofit, community-building, mental health research, public health, and any kind of institutional decision-making. She concluded by stating this CCR would provide funding for the symposium venue, audio and visual resources, food and drink for participants, and participant materials to co-create the relationship toolkit that will be shared widely with practitioners.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for the TRC and Tacoma Community House.

3. [24-0213](#) Council Consideration Request - Increasing Deconstruction and Salvage Efforts in Tacoma.
[Council Member Walker]

Council Member Walker presented a CCR for a resolution directing the City Manager to provide options and estimated costs to increase deconstruction and salvage efforts in Tacoma. She stated that these options should be shared with the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee no later than May 22, 2024, on five key topics including, provide

options for formalizing salvage assessments, incentivizing deconstruction projects and material reuse, deconstruction of City-owned buildings, workforce development for deconstruction, and City assistance with storage for salvaged and deconstructed materials.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for the leadership and timeline.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [24-0212](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, February 29, 2024.
[Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

Assistant to the City Manager Melanie Harding stated there are two ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, proclaiming March 2024 as American Red Cross Month, and proclaiming March 2024 as Women's History Month. She concluded by stating no changes are expected to tonight's agenda, and tonight's meeting includes a public hearing on the proposed moratorium on the nomination and designation of new Historic Special Review and Conservation Districts.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.


Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor


Nicole Emery, City Clerk