



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

University of Puget Sound
Commencement Hall - Tahoma Room

February 20, 2015

8:30 AM

SPECIAL MEETING - 2015 WORK SESSION

Call to Order

The work session was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Opening Comments from Mayor Strickland

Mayor Strickland stated the purpose of today's session is to acknowledge events and accomplishments of 2014, align potential strategic priorities from multiple sources, and provide a clear sense of direction to City staff.

Briefing Items

1. [15-0195](#) 2014 Review

Council Members identified significant personal and business events that occurred in 2014.

- Boe Architects in business for 18 years
- TNC regulations (Uber, Lyft)
- Office of Equity and Human Rights established
- Got married
- High school graduation rate reached 78 percent
- Tacoma 2025 adopted
- Getting married
- Investment in infrastructure
- Bought first house
- Welcoming Cities initiative
- Prairie Line property
- Bass Pro opening
- House burned down

- GreenRoads policy adopted
- Increasing profile of Tacoma regionally and nationally
- Budget adoption
- Paid sick leave policy adopted
- Subarea planning process
- Hotel downtown, and convention center
- Eastside Community Center
- 13.1 miles of bikeway
- Dream job
- Gun safety and domestic violence campaigns
- Six charter amendments adopted
- Long range plan SeaTac to Tacoma
- Loss of family member
- Ran first 12K race; broke leg while running (not in 1st race)
- Increased development
- Master planning with Metro Parks/Point Defiance
- Unemployment rate fell below 7 percent
- Business community conversations

2. [15-0197](#) Tacoma 2025 Community Priorities

City Council members concurred that staff begin creating implementation plans for the following Tacoma 2025 priorities:

- 1A Improve neighborhood safety
- 3A Increase the number and quality of jobs throughout Tacoma
- 6C Grow and enhance the vitality of Tacoma's neighborhoods
- 6D Improve and maintain Tacoma's streets
- 7C Strengthen the City's fiscal sustainability

3. [15-0196](#) Economic Development Presentation

A presentation was given by Ali Modarres, Director and Professor, Urban Studies, University of Washington Tacoma.

4. [15-0198](#) 2014 Accomplishments

City Manager T.C. Broadnax discussed major accomplishments from 2014.

5. [15-0199](#) 2015 Strategic Priorities

The City Council discussed and scored 2015 strategic objectives as follows:

1. Work with interested stakeholders to explore, review and identify potential sustainable funding sources to address the City’s deferred street maintenance. (14 points; 3-3-3-2-2-1)
2. Establish and facilitate a Property Crimes Task Force to identify system improvements and strategies to reduce property crimes within the City. (10 points; 3-3-2-1-1)
3. Develop and implement a strategy to create citywide digital equity for residents by exploring options and leveraging Click! Network. (8 points; 3-2-1-1-1)
4. Develop the Tacoma 2025 Five-year Action Plan to successfully implement Tacoma 2025. (8 points; 3-2-2-1)
5. Develop and conduct a city-wide business satisfaction and business climate survey to identify opportunities to better understand local businesses’ needs and areas of improvement on the City’s behalf. (6 points; 3-3)
6. Continue to partner with Sound Transit to identify, secure and leverage funding to support the design and construction of the \$165 million Tacoma Link expansion. (5 points; 2-2-1).
7. Complete the design of streetscape improvements for the Lincoln Business District; engage business district property owners in discussion to identify potential options to support construction costs and other revitalization efforts. (2 points; 2)
8. Develop and implement an office recruitment strategy to promote and increase downtown job growth and opportunities (1 point; 1)
9. Develop a Main Street concept for the South Tacoma Business District; engage business district property owners and other stakeholders in discussions to identify potential options to support revitalization efforts. (0 points)

Closing Comments

Mayor Strickland thanked everyone for their participation in today's workshop.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the work session was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk