



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

April 25, 2017

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Present: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Briefing Items

1. [17-0422](#) 2016 Financial Year-end and 2017 First Quarter Financial Reports

At approximately 12:09 p.m., Tadd Wille, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), provided a report of the 2015-2016 Preliminary Biennium-End, including detailed revenues and expenditures variances for the General Fund and General Fund-supported funds. He then reviewed the 2017 First Quarter summary, including detailed revenues and expenditures variances, noting the trends are generally positive. He then discussed recommended sales tax budget adjustments, increased construction revenue, and recommended 2015-2016 reappropriations and 2017-2018 emergent needs for various departments. Mr. Wille discussed 2017-2018 added reserves, the reserve policy goal and best practices, the need for additional reserves, and potential outstanding risks, including state shared revenues, reduced funding for LEOFF 2 retirement system, and link light rail.

Christina Curran, OMB, then provided updates on other fund reappropriations, including special revenue, bond, enterprise, and internal service funds. She presented capital reappropriations, project funding adjustments, and capital project balances. Jared Eyer, OMB, then presented on changes to the budget initiative tracker and key 2017-2018 initiatives. Katie Johnston, OMB, then discussed performance measures, reporting, and a new open performance online dashboard.

Discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding sales tax, utility tax, the reason for and use of budget reserves, homelessness, reappropriation and priorities, railroad crossing improvements, sales tax trends and projections,

deferred maintenance, the budget initiative tracker and what information to display, police and fire department hiring, and how to show progress in the City's 24/7 goals.

2. [17-0423](#) Correctional Facilities Interim Regulations Status Review

At approximately 1:21 p.m., Brian Boudet, Planning and Development Services, introduced Jeff Capell, Deputy City Attorney, and Chris Beale, Chair of the Planning Commission. He then provided a summary of the interim regulations and timeline. Mr. Capell provided guidance concerning what essential public facilities are and how they can be regulated, noting they cannot be prohibited, but there can be conditions placed on them primarily to deal with adverse impacts. Mr. Boudet then discussed the Planning Commission's review of the issue and three facilities: the Northwest Detention Center, Pierce County Jail, and Remann Hall. Mr. Boudet presented staff recommendations to modify the interim regulations to regulate private and public correctional facilities in the same manner, allowing siting in "M-2" and "PMI" zones with a conditional use permit, and to develop permanent regulations by September 6, 2017. Mr. Beale then discussed the Planning Commission's review of the issue, noting the Commission could not come to a consensus and are not making a recommendation at this time. Mr. Boudet concluded by reviewing next steps, noting the public hearing is tonight and there will be an ordinance for consideration on May 2 and 9, 2017, to retain, remove, or modify the interim regulations.

Discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding federal and state law, zoning and land use, the Planning Commission's review, essential public facilities, staff recommendations, the City Council public hearing, and the Northwest Detention Center.

Other Items of Interest

Deputy Mayor Thoms shared a draft letter to Sound Transit and asked for City Council signatures, noting the letter requests Sound Transit to name the South 11th and Commerce Street station the "Theater District Station." Brief discussion ensued regarding including a request that the current station called the "Theater District Station" that will move one block north be named the "Old City Hall Station."

Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [17-0424](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, April 20, 2017
Elizabeth Pauli, Interim City Manager, stated there is one proclamation on tonight's agenda, proclaiming April 26, 2017 as Domestic Violence Awareness Day, and one recognition for Mr. Morris McCollum, better known as Mr. Mac.

Executive Session - Review City Manager Candidate Qualifications

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of applicants for the City Manager position, not to exceed 20 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mello

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 2:16 p.m.

The Executive Session was extended by 10 minutes at 2:36 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:46 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk