



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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November 08, 2022

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Rumbaugh and Ushka

Briefing Items

Engagement Report Out

1. [22-1230](#) At approximately 12:04 p.m., Katie Johnston, Budget Officer, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), provided opening remarks about engagement related to the 2023-2024 Biennial Operating Budget, and introduced Mac Acabado, Management and Budget Analyst, OMB. Acabado presented the budget engagement report out, including a summary of outreach from the summer of 2022, noting goals, community survey results, community events, and Balancing Act tool submissions; and outreach during the fall of 2022, noting goals, tools, Town Hall events, and Balancing Act tool submissions.

Discussion ensued regarding virtual versus in-person engagement, a comparison of the tools and events used last year, appreciation for OMB staff, the high-quality of interactions and education provided, culturally sensitive engagement, positive feedback from attendees about this year's events, response rates, common themes of community comments and questions, and a reminder that there is still time for people to provide comments about the budget.

Other Items of Interest

2. [22-1231](#) Council Consideration Request - Ordinance: Interference with Health Care Facilities or Providers

This item was presented with Item No. 3.

3. [22-1232](#) Council Consideration Request - Ordinance: Protections Against Discrimination Based on an Individual's Actual, Potential, Perceived, or Alleged Pregnancy Outcomes

Council Member Diaz provided opening remarks about proposed legislation regarding human rights and public safety, noting recent United States Supreme Court rulings; impacts to vulnerable populations and abortion services; discrimination; and Tacoma's status as a welcoming City. She continued by presenting a Council Consideration Request (CCR) for an ordinance to update the Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) by adding a new Chapter 8.180, entitled "Interference with Health Care Facilities or Providers", and to adopt the related Revised Code of Washington by reference, noting purpose, penalties, and impacts of the proposed change.

Council Member Diaz further presented a CCR for an ordinance to update the TMC by adding language regarding protections against discrimination based on an individual's actual, potential, perceived, or alleged pregnancy outcomes.

Discussion ensued regarding rights to protest and free speech, possible charges, administrative and policy considerations, the current legal process, and providing staff with additional options.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [22-1234](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, November 3, 2022

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are four ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, proclaiming Tuesday, November 8, 2022, as Student Government Day; proclaiming Friday, November 11, 2022, as Distinguished Veterans Appreciation Day; proclaiming Sunday, November 20, 2022, as Transgender Day of Remembrance; and a presentation on systems transformation, including highlights from the

Public Works Department's racial equity action plan. She concluded by stating that no changes are expected to tonight's meeting agenda, and that Community Forum will be held during tonight's meeting.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk