



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

November 22, 2016

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:07 p.m.

Present: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Thoms and Woodards

Council Member Blocker participated telephonically.

Council Members Thoms and Woodards arrived at 12:25 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [16-1118](#) Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

At approximately 12:08 p.m., Brian Boudet and Elliott Barnett, Planning and Development Services, provided an update on the Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, including Vision 2040; illustrative vision plan; Subarea Plan topics; key policy issues; transportation and infrastructure; street network; bikes and pedestrians; and transit.

Council Members Thoms and Woodards arrived here, at 12:25 p.m.

Mr. Barnett continued discussing green infrastructure; priority projects; parks, open space, and schools; regulatory changes; implementation; key partners; and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the vision plan, current roadways, green space, Madison neighborhood schools, outreach, the Lincoln Heights neighborhood, South 38th Street pedestrian traffic, regulatory changes, urban form and design, walkability, maps with overlays, contouring development to the land, and significant impacts of the plan.

2. [16-1119](#) Council Consideration Request - Tacoma Community House Capital Campaign Contribution

At approximately 1:10 p.m., Council Member Blocker presented a Council Consideration Request relative to the contribution of \$50,000 of City Council Contingency Funds to support the Tacoma Community House's Capital Campaign.

Discussion ensued regarding the current balance of the City Council Contingency Fund.

3. [16-1145](#) Council Consideration Request - Chinese Reconciliation Park Phase IV Schematic Design Contribution

At approximately 1:13 p.m., Mayor Strickland presented a Council Consideration Request relative to the contribution of up to \$90,000 of City Council Contingency Funds to support the Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation's pursuit of schematic design for the Multicultural Pavilion as outlined in Phase IV of the Chinese Reconciliation Park Master Site Plan.

Discussion ensued regarding support for the request, and the City's commitment to equity and human rights.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Campbell stated that he would be making a motion at tonight's meeting, relative to the Biennial Budget and the amount of funding being appropriated to the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center.

Discussion ensued regarding funding, and domestic violence.

Committee Reports

Deputy Mayor Mello stated that the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency had recently met with their Advisory Council to discuss how the Agency planned to support the region in meeting greenhouse gas emission targets and the settlement reached with Volkswagen relative to emissions. He also stated at the most recent meeting of the Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board a recommendation was made to reclassify Bonney Lake and Covington to large city designations.

Council Member McCarthy provided information on the recently held Puget Sound Energy open house where a demonstration on liquified natural gas was given.

Mayor Strickland stated she and Randall Lewis, Government Relations Officer, had recently met with Governor Jay Inslee, leaders from the Association of Washington Cities, and local human services providers to discuss the issue of homelessness across Washington State.

Council Member Ibsen stated the Pierce County Regional Council had recently met and discussed urban growth areas and reviewed their government affairs agenda.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [16-1117](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, November 17, 2016

T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated there are no proclamations, recognitions, changes or announcements on tonight's agenda. He also reminded the City Council that a special meeting of the Transportation Benefit District Governing Board will be held.

Executive Session - Pending Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending and potential litigation, not to exceed 10 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:30 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli, and Chief Deputy City Attorney Bill Fosbre were present.

The Executive Session was extended by 10 minutes at 1:40 p.m., 1:50 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 2:10 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:20 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk