



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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July 11, 2023

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Absent: 4 - Blocker, Diaz, Hines and Mayor Woodards

Council Member Diaz arrived at 12:15 p.m. and Mayor Woodards arrived at 1:34 p.m.

Mayor Woodards participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [23-0718](#) Community Police Advisory Committee Recommendations for Community Oversight

At approximately 12:00 p.m., Jacques Colon, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of Strategy, introduced Shayna Raphael and Louis Cooper Jr., members of Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) and provided an agenda. Together, Cooper Jr. and Raphael presented the CPAC overview, history of oversight recommendation, differences between advisory and oversight committees, community outreach, community objectives for the CPAC model, the oversight recommendation proposed by CPAC, and what is not included in the recommendation.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation and gratitude for the work.

Council Member Diaz arrived here, at 12:15 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding demographics data collection, investigation timeline, community engagement, staff liaisons, oversight capacity, open public meetings act and executive sessions, subpoena power, Office of Community Safety, stipends and compensation, next steps and timeline, and involvement.

2. [23-0717](#) Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code 2023 Amendments
Public Hearing Debrief

At approximately 12:38 p.m., Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services (PDS), and Jana Magoon, Division Manager, PDS, presented a debrief of the public hearing for the 2023 amendments, including an agenda; the docket of applications, noting Mor Furniture, electric fences, shipping containers, delivery-only retail, commercial zoning review, and minor amendments; schedule; and a summary of the Planning Commission's recommendations for each amendment.

Discussion ensued regarding consistency, Mor Furniture commercial limitations and health impacts, electric fencing design standards, shipping container quantity, gratitude to the Planning Commission, parking requirements, bars on windows, consistency across the City, limitations and utilization of shipping containers, and next steps.

Other Items of Interest

3. [23-0724](#) Council Consideration Request - National Association of Local Boards of Health Conference 2023 Sponsorship

Council Member Ushka presented a Council Contingency Request (CCR) to allocate \$20,000 to sponsor the 2023 National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) conference; that NALBOH informs, guides, and is the national voice for boards of health and today's public health system; and the leadership role of boards of health makes them an essential link between public health services and a healthy community. She concluded by stating hosting the NALBOH conference allows for Tacoma and the entire region to have greater access to these trainings and the national network of public health leaders.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation and excitement to welcome the conference to the City.

4. [23-0716](#) Council Consideration Request - 6th Avenue Business District's Art on the Avenue Festival Sponsorship

Council Member Rumbaugh presented a CCR to allocate \$10,000 to support the 6th Avenue Business District's 2023 Arts on the Avenue event, an annual music and art festival celebrating local art, artists, music, food, and entertainment, located at 6th Avenue from Trafton Street to Cedar Street. She concluded by stating that the funds will primarily be used to provide three stages for the event.

5. [23-0725](#) Rental Housing Code

At approximately 1:28 p.m., Bill Fosbre, City Attorney, provided background on the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma; recommending changing the order of tonight's meeting agenda, noting the six proposed motions and substitutes to Ordinance No. 28894; and options and next steps.

Mayor Woodards arrived here, at 1:34 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the option to rescind citizens initiative; Resolution Nos. 41237 and 41238, and motions; impact of the vote at tonight's Council meeting; the City's ability to change or alter sections of Rental Housing Code; and pilot projects.

Council Member Bushnell presented proposed Substitute No. 3 on Ordinance No. 28894; Council Member Diaz presented proposed Substitute No. 2A on Ordinance No. 28894; Council Member Daniels presented proposed Substitute Nos. 1 and 3 on Ordinance No. 28894; and Mayor Woodards presented Resolution No. 41239.

Discussion continued regarding equity; relocation assistance; deed restriction; appreciation; Pierce County versus City of Tacoma average income; limit on how many times a person can apply for rental relocation assistance; openness to amendments; voting timelines; additional City costs and funding; rental assistance program development; and Tacoma Housing Authority, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and deed restricted affordable housing.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

6. [23-0727](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, July 6, 2023

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are no ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda; there will be two or more changes to the agenda, including revising the order of the agenda, and any motions to amend or bring substitutions forward for consideration; and that Community Forum will be held during tonight's meeting.

Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

The closed session was not held.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Susan Haigh, Interim City Clerk