



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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February 28, 2023

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Walker called the study session to order at 12:01 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Absent: 2 - Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Briefing Item

1. [23-0204](#) Tacoma Police Department Property Crime Update

At approximately 12:02 p.m., Paul Junger, Deputy Chief, Tacoma Police Department (TPD), provided opening remarks and introduced Tamara Floyd, Assistant Chief, TPD. Floyd presented the TPD property crime overtime initiative, including property crime cases, noting rates from November 2022 to present; open, pending, closed, and charged cases; and overtime cases that have been assigned, referred to the prosecutor, or had bulletins issued. Floyd continued by reviewing types of property crimes; Revised Code of Washington charges and fines; organized retail theft (ORT); and suggestions for business owners. Junger concluded by describing proactive work to prevent property crime, including the “take, lock, and hide” concept, catalytic converter theft prevention events, social media outreach, partnerships with the business community, monitoring hot spots near business communities, and increased funding for forensic staff.

Discussion ensued regarding investigations, noting referral and conviction rates; community engagement, outreach, and updates; expanding the initiative to residential properties; impacts of property crime on public perceptions of safety; how property owners can help; definitions of property crime, robbery, and burglary; repeat offenders and prevention, noting organized crime and automobile theft; prioritizing overtime investigations; correlation of property crime and the TPD Violent Crime Reduction Plan hot spots; criminal charges and when offenders are booked into jail; presenting data, noting the total number of crimes and charging rates, maps by sector, and relationships with

other types of criminal activity; video evidence and crime stopper bulletins; and appreciation for TPD staff and community members.

Other Items of Interest

2. [23-0205](#) Council Consideration Request - City of Tacoma Membership in South Sound Together

Deputy Mayor Walker presented a Council Consideration Request (CCR) to allocate \$12,000 of Council Contingency Funds for the City's sponsorship and membership on the South Sound Together (SST) 2023 Board, noting background and history of SST, the proposed sponsorship level, projects SST supports, other Board Members, and the proposal to place the resolution on the March 7, 2023, meeting agenda.

3. [23-0206](#) Council Consideration Request - Welcoming Interactive Conference Participation Sponsorship

Council Member Blocker presented a CCR to allocate \$4,800 of Council Contingency Funds to allow two members of the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, a staff member, and a Council Member to participate in the 2023 Welcoming Interactive conference.

Discussion ensued regarding placing the proposed resolution on the March 7, 2023, meeting agenda.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [23-0207](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, February 23, 2023

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated that no changes are expected to tonight's agenda, and that Community Forum will be held during tonight's meeting.

Closed Session - Labor Strategy

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to convene to a Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) to discuss labor strategy, not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh and Walker

Absent: 2 - Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

The Closed Session was held after adjournment of the study session.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk