



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

October 01, 2013

12:00 PM

JOINT CITY COUNCIL / PARKS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS STUDY SESSION

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the joint study session to order at 12:05 p.m.

Present: 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Parks Board of Commissioners Present: 4 – Dahl, Hanberg, Reid, and Smith

Parks Board of Commissioners Absent: 1 – Pointer

Joint City Council / Parks Board of Commissioners Briefing Items

Mayor Strickland called upon Tim Reid, Parks Board Commission Clerk. Mr. Reid introduced the Commissioners in attendance and thanked Council Members Mello and Woodards for attending the Parks Board study session yesterday to present information regarding Proposition No. 1, and City Manager T.C. Broadnax for presenting the information to the Joint Municipal Action Committee. Mr. Reid then introduced Steve Knauer and Curtis Hancock, Metro Parks Tacoma.

1. 13-0147 Update on Destination Point Defiance Planning Initiative

Mayor Strickland stated the first joint item is an update on the Destination Point Defiance Planning Initiative, noting Point Defiance Park is 800 acres and one of Tacoma's biggest tourist attractions. Mr. Reid provided background information on the initiative and noted it is an opportunity to steward the park for the next century and make the city and region even more sustainable and livable. Mr. Knauer provided a general description of the initiative and reviewed the concept planning for the park, noting the goal is to provide diverse experiences relating to the wilderness; science, education, and nature; the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium; water activities; retail; restaurants; and lodging. Mr. Knauer reviewed the guiding principles, opportunities, and the Downtown to Defiance event. Mr. Hancock then reviewed the interim trail, the Waterfront Master Plan, the Point Defiance trailhead, infrastructure, core public amenities, and enhanced visitor services. Mr. Knauer concluded by

reviewing next steps. Discussion ensued regarding the initiative, including how it integrates with planned projects for the zoo, whether areas will need to be rezoned to allow for retail use, the Town of Ruston's response to the plan, whether work can be completed outside of the planned phase, and whether a request for proposal has been issued.

Mayor Strickland adjourned the joint study session at 12:50 p.m. and stated Council would take a five minute break followed by the regular study session.

City Council Briefing Items

2. **13-0148** North Downtown Subarea Plan & Environmental Impact Statement
- Mayor Strickland called the regular study session to order at 12:55 p.m. and announced the first topic is the North Downtown Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Ian Munce, Planning and Development Services, stated staff has partnered with Bates Technical College and has been working Marty Mattes, Bates Technical College Director of Facilities. Mr. Munce provided background information on the three subarea planning areas and reviewed the draft vision statement, potential catalyst projects, the EIS, and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding the list of potential catalyst projects, including the process for deciding which items were placed on the list, whether the design for the Stadium Way to Schuster Parkway pedestrian connection includes urban agriculture or forestry, and the eco-district formation.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Agenda Review

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated there will be a presentation of the Disability Advocate of the Year Awards to Trina Forest, Matt Newton, and Oshea's Catering and Events; a recognition of Tucci and Sons, Inc. for their efforts on the Pacific Avenue Streetscape Project to ensure access for individuals with disabilities; and a presentation of the Third Quarter 2013 Human Rights Champion Award to Thomas McCarthy. Mr. Broadnax then stated two settlement agreements have been added to the agenda and there will be an appeal hearing on the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner regarding the request to reclassify approximately 1.78 acres/75,000 square feet of the southeast corner of a larger property located at 4601 South Orchard Street from a "R-2" Single Family Dwelling District to a "M-1" Light Industrial District, which was continued on the meeting of September 24, 2013. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli then reviewed the process and steps for conducting a quasi-judicial appeal. Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate time to ask questions.

Executive Session - Pending Litigation

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation, the session not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Woodards.

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

Ayes: 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)(b) to discuss labor negotiations, the session not to exceed 20 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Mayor Strickland stated the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled today at 3:00 p.m. may have a delayed start time.

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:25 p.m.
City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli, Chief Deputy City Attorney Bill Fosbre, and Deputy City Attorney Jean Homan were present.

The Executive Session was extended for five minutes at 1:40 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the Council convened to Closed Session at 1:45 p.m.

The Closed Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk