



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

October 15, 2013

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:09 p.m.

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

Briefing Items

1. **13-0169** University of Washington-Tacoma Master Plan Update

Mayor Strickland announced the first study session topic is the University of Washington-Tacoma (UWT) Master Plan update, including short- and long-range development. She then introduced Ricardo Noguera, Community and Economic Development Director. Mr. Noguera introduced Harlan Patterson, UWT Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration; and Milt Tremblay, UWT Sustainability and Campus Planning Director. He then stated UWT's Master Plan coincides with the City's economic development strategy framework and the downtown revitalization strategy.

Mr. Patterson reviewed the history of UWT and its mission. He briefly reviewed renovation projects, including the Snoqualmie Powerhouse, the Garretson Woodruff and Pratt building, the Commerce Street loading dock to Learning Stations, the Russell T. Joy Building, the Tioga Library Building, and the Whitney. He then reviewed UWT's footprint, and stated sustainability is always a concern and it is important to remember this is an urban campus. Mr. Tremblay discussed the importance of the South Downtown Tacoma Subarea Plan to development at UWT. Mr. Patterson then provided an overview of Campus Growth Plan and projects over the next three to five years, including the Prairie Line Trail; the renovation of the Tacoma Paper and Stationary Building; creating a Clean Water Innovation Lab; pedestrian safety improvement on South 17th, South 19th and South 21st Streets; the University Y and Student Center; Pacific Avenue storefront improvements; and three renovation projects: Swiss-Wild Complex, Old Tiago Building, and the McDonald-Smith Building.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost shift between public and private funding, the veterans entrepreneurial program, the physician assistants program, how the City can best compliment what is happening at UWT, the importance of funding higher education, the Prairie Line Trail project, density, and ways to incentivize residential development. Mayor Strickland requested statistics regarding how many UWT staff and faculty live within the City of Tacoma.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Agenda Review

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated there will be two proclamations: proclaiming October 2013 as both Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month and Filipino American History Month. He then noted there are no changes to the published agenda and there will be a public hearing.

Mayor Strickland reminded everyone there will be a Committee of the Whole meeting today in the 9th Floor Visibility Center at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk