



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers
Webinar Link: www.zoom.us/j/89496171192 Passcode: 896569

January 16, 2024
12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Ushka and Walker

Council Member Ushka arrived at 12:10 p.m.

Council Member Ushka participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [24-0060](#) Historic District Moratorium

At approximately 12:01 p.m., Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, Planning and Development Services, provided a brief introduction on the historic district moratorium, including an agenda; overview; summary of review process, noting the public hearing comments and Landmarks Preservation Commission feedback; the Planning Commission recommendation; and next steps.

Council Member Ushka arrived here, at 12:10 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding support for a historic district moratorium; process and timeline, noting staff capacity and scheduling; expansion or extension of current historic districts and landmarks, including impact on commercial and residential properties; historic districts frequency and benefits; and Landmarks Preservation Commission and Planning Commission administrative processes.

Other Items of Interest

2. [24-0061](#) Senate Bill 6009 City Council Letter of Support

Council Member Scott presented a Council Consideration Request for a letter in support of Senate Bill 6009 which has been sponsored by Senator Yasmin Trudeau, to prevent police officers from hog-tying, a dangerous, inhumane, and outdated practiced used to restrain an individual. She concluded by stating many metropolitan police departments, including Tacoma, Puyallup, and Seattle, have prohibited hog-tying and a draft letter in support of will be presented at the January 23, 2024, study session.

Discussion ensued regarding thanking Council Member Scott for leadership on the issue, schedule for Senate and House public hearings, noting the draft letter submittal timeline; testimonial, and process; Tacoma delegation co-sponsors; and potential next steps, including walking the letter on at the Council meeting this evening.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [24-0062](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, January 11, 2024

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there is a Compassionate Tacoma recognition for Yvonne McCarty; and no changes are expected to tonight's agenda.

Executive Session - Pending and Potential Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to convene to executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(i) and (ii) to discuss pending and potential litigation, not to exceed 30 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Walker

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Mayor Woodards stated the Council would convene into a closed session following the executive session.

The City Council convened to executive session at 12:48 p.m.
City Attorney Chris Bacha was present.

The executive session was extended by 15 minutes at 1:18 p.m. and by 15 minutes at 1:33 p.m.

The executive session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 1:51 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk