



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

April 22, 2014

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Briefing Items

14-0319

Puget Sound Clean Air Agency and Non-Attainment Updates

Mayor Strickland announced the first study session topic is the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) and non-attainment updates, and called on Mr. Craig Kenworthy, PSCAA. Mr. Kenworthy provided background information on the Clean Air Act and on fine particles. He reviewed the many health risks of air pollution, particularly for infants. He then reviewed the fine particle levels in Tacoma and the daily federal standards; the number of days above the PSCAA's fine particle goal; and a summary of the 2013 fine particle levels. He concluded with next steps, including to submit a redesignation request to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) this fall, to keep up the efforts on outreach and the stove removal and replacement program; enforcement of burn bans, and to prove to the EPA that the non-attainment area in Tacoma will not re-violate air quality during the next ten years. Discussion ensued regarding the wood stove replacement program, and the violation of air quality standards and whether it is year-to-year or multi-year.

Mr. Kenworthy then discussed the PSCAA's new Strategic Plan and touched on wood smoke, near-roadway pollution for vulnerable populations, environmental justice, enhanced air quality data and community engagement, and climate change and our transportation system. He reviewed the needed investments in air quality. Discussion ensued regarding how the Port of Tacoma plays into local air quality. Council Member Mello commented on the PSCAA and his role on their board. Discussion continued regarding the costs of maintenance efforts going forward and equity in jurisdictions.

14-0320 Legislative Wrap-up Report

Mayor Strickland announced the next study session topic is a legislative wrap-up report from Randy Lewis, Government Relations Officer. Mr. Lewis provided a summary of the City's legislative agenda and reviewed session updates relating to Senate Bill 6501 regarding waste oil recycling, House Bill 1367 and Senate Bill 5323 regarding liens, House Bill 2426 regarding speed cameras, and House Bill 2558 and Senate Bill 6324 regarding affordable housing. He then provided a session summary, including total bills passed and bills of particular interest to the City. He concluded with next steps, including to review and amend the Legislative Policy Manual for Council consideration in October, followed by a preparation of the draft state and federal legislative agendas for Council consideration in November.

Discussion ensued regarding tribal properties now being subject to a lease hold tax and whether the City can negotiate a payment in-lieu situation for the tribe. Mayor Strickland asked if there is an analysis of the privatization of liquor, noting she is interested in seeing reports of the affect after implementation.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report**14-0318** Weekly Report to the City Council, April 17, 2014

Mayor Strickland called upon City Manager T.C. Broadnax for a review of tonight's Council agenda. Mr. Broadnax stated there are four ceremonial items this evening, a recognition for outgoing President and CEO of Multicare, Diane Cecchetti; and three proclamations for Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran's Month, Earth Day, and Domestic Violence Awareness Day. He stated there are no changes to the published agenda at this time, and there will be a public hearing tonight on the recommendations of the Community and Economic Development Department on the proposed 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan for housing and community development.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk