



# City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

November 27, 2018

12:00 PM

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## Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Ibsen called the study session to order at 12:05 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 2 - Mello and Mayor Woodards

Mayor Woodards arrived at 12:12 p.m.

## Briefing Items

1. [18-1400](#) Health and Medicine Academy at Stadium High School

At approximately 12:05 p.m., Carla Santorno, Superintendent, Tacoma Public Schools, provided opening remarks and introduced Lois Bernstein, Chief Community Executive, MultiCare Health System; Diane Nauer, Dean of Allied Health, Bates Technical College; Shannon Marshall, Assistant Principal, Stadium High School; Kathy Schmidt, Market Manager, CHI Franciscan; and John Hickey, Executive Director of Community Engagement, University of Puget Sound.

Ms. Bernstein described the development of the Health and Medicine Academy, and stated many agencies are involved in the partnership, including Goodwill, University of Puget Sound (UPS), University of Washington-Tacoma (UW-Tacoma), MultiCare Health System, Bates Technical College (Bates), Tacoma Community College, Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, CHI Franciscan, and Tacoma School District.

Ms. Santorno described program goals and work to research programs in other states. Ms. Bernstein explained how Stadium High School was selected to begin the academy program, stating it is not located in a single school. Ms. Marshall outlined the program design and classes provided, presented a short video, described recent events, and reviewed demographics of the initial classes.

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Ms. Schmidt described job shadow and field trip experiences, involvement of mentors and volunteers, and recruitment opportunities. Ms. Nauer described job training and education offered at Bates, including dental, biomedical, hearing aid, and other programs. Mr. Hickey described UPS' role and the collaboration between four anchor educational institutions in Tacoma for this program. Ms. Marshall stated UW-Tacoma and Goodwill have also played a vital role. Ms. Santorno concluded with remarks about providing a 'medical pathway' for graduating high school students across the school district.

Discussion ensued regarding the partnership and collaborative model; high competition for nursing education programs; alternative health care careers; program issues and needs, including financial investment; importance of anchor institutions; relationship with WorkForce Central goals; opportunity to replicate this type of program in other industries; and use of existing school resources.

The study session recessed at 12:40 p.m. and reconvened at 12:54 p.m.

3rd Quarter Financials & Biennium-End Modifications

2. [18-1401](#)

At approximately 12:54 p.m., Katie Johnston, Budget Officer, Finance, provided introductory remarks and presented the 2018 General Fund update with a review of revenues, including amounts, sources, and variance between projected and actual; expenditures, including totals, variances, and types of expenses and variable costs; and supported funds. Ms. Johnston further presented on the 2017-2018 biennium-end adjustment, including the purpose of the adjustment; adjustments by fund type, including special revenue, capital project, enterprise, internal service, and trust and agency funds; and next steps. She concluded by stating the Results253 has been updated with third quarter data.

## Other Items of Interest

3. [18-1404](#) Purchase of Fine Particle Pollution Air Sensors

At approximately 1:09 p.m., Council Member McCarthy provided opening remarks and stated he, Council Member Thoms, and Council Member Mello are requesting the purchase of 50 fine particle pollution sensors or 'purple air' monitors, for \$13,000. He explained development of the proposal, consultation with Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA),

and purpose of the air sensors. Council Member Thoms described resident concerns about air quality, how the sensors work, the goal to gather usable data from areas across the City, and questions about how to implement and maintain the sensors.

Discussion ensued regarding location of sensors, non-attainment of federal health standards in parts of the City; true costs of operation and maintenance; quantity and placement of sensors; coordination with PSCAA; perception of responsibility and risk related to air quality; ongoing cost to monitor and maintain equipment; function to gather and pass along data to regulatory agencies; time frame for a pilot program; equipment selected; and available automated, online data reporting. Discussion concluded with next steps to adjust the Council Consideration Request and bring it back to Council.

## Committee Reports

Mayor Woodards stated staff are drafting a renegotiated agreement with Pierce County related to family violence prevention services.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [18-1378](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, November 21, 2018

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are no ceremonials, and no changes expected on tonight's meeting agenda.

Mayor Woodards requested that Council Members submit requests to change Committee assignments, so the list can be updated in early 2019.

## Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk