



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

3600 Port of Tacoma Road, Tacoma WA 98424

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June 09, 2015

12:00 PM

JOINT MEETING WITH THE PORT OF TACOMA COMMISSION

Call to Order

President Johnson called the joint study session to order at 12:05 p.m.

Present: 5 - Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 4 - Campbell, Thoms, Walker and Woodards

Port of Tacoma Commissioners Present: 5 – Bacon, Marzano, Meyer, Petrich,
and President Johnson

Port of Tacoma Commissioners Absent: 0

Council Member Thoms arrived at 12:11 p.m. and Council Member Woodards
arrived at 12:58 p.m.

Joint City Council/Port of Tacoma Commission Briefing Items

President Johnson and Mayor Strickland gave brief opening comments.
Mayor Strickland thanked the Port of Tacoma Commission for their
cooperation, stating that we are better when we work together.

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City of Tacoma and Port of Tacoma Cooperation Efforts and Partnerships

President Johnson called on Ian Munce, Special Assistant to the Planning and
Development Services Director, City of Tacoma, and Evette Mason,
Government Affairs Manager, Port of Tacoma. Mr. Munce acknowledged the
Council Members and Port Commissioners who attend the Puget Sound
Regional Council meetings.

Mr. Munce then reviewed and discussed decentralizing the region and steering
investments to 28 growth centers and eight manufacturing industrial centers.
He reviewed other areas that would like to become Regional Growth Centers
or Manufacturing Growth Centers. Mr. Munce reviewed the Manufacturing/
Industrial Center in the Regional Plan and the zoning for that area.

Ms. Mason reviewed Governor Gregoire's proposal of the Container Port Initiative from 2008, which focused on land use issues as well as transportation. She stated in 2009 the Legislature passed a plan that was mandatory for the Port of Seattle and Port of Tacoma and optional for the other ports in Washington State. She discussed capital facilities and the policies to be addressed regarding infrastructure, transportation and land use. Ms. Mason also discussed the Industrial Lands Analysis by the Puget Sound Regional Council and the Port of Tacoma's Land Use and Transportation Plan.

Mr. Munce reviewed the agreement regarding the public access plan.

Mayor Strickland acknowledged Council Member Mello for representing the City of Tacoma on this project and focusing on smart and strategic placement of public access.

Ms. Mason then gave an update on the Tidelands Area/Transportation Study. She stated this study provided the context and framed the need for SR-167 completion, the circulation and preservation of the infrastructure in the Tidelands, the Port of Tacoma Road Reconstruction project and the Fife I-5 – Port of Tacoma Interchange Improvement Project.

Council Member Thoms arrived here, at 12:11 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the underutilized industrial land in the Frederickson and Tacoma areas, highest and best use of the area, the joint operation of the seaport alliance marine cargo, right type of infrastructure to allow the private sector to invest; the role of Tacoma Public Utilities, Rail Division; and the transportation grid on the Tidelands.

15-0604 Project Summary for Port of Tacoma Road Reconstruction

President Johnson called on Mr. Tom Rutherford, Project Manager for the Port of Tacoma Road Reconstruction Project. Mr. Rutherford discussed the scope of the project, project funding, upcoming work, keys to project success, and the communication plan.

15-0605 Emergency Response and Intelligent Transportation System Study

President Johnson called on Tacoma Fire Chief Jim Duggan to present the Emergency Response and Intelligent Transportation System Study. Chief Duggan stated the content of the draft study and recommendations will be available to the Commissioners and the City Council in late June or early July. Chief Duggan gave an overview including the importance of the Intelligent Transportation System providing real time information for traffic,

efficiencies of moving cargo and reducing congestion in the Tideflats area. He discussed the emergency response including the assessment of capabilities and the recommended improvements. Chief Duggan also provided background information which consisted of concerns from previous and proposed public and private development in the Tideflats, who performed the study, and the funding partners. He then provided the next steps and described some additional benefits from this work.

Council Member Woodards arrived here, at 12:58 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the reason for the study, response times and working together with the Port of Tacoma and investing in the future.

15-0606

Washington State Legislative Update on Issues of Mutual Interest

Randy Lewis, City of Tacoma Government Relations Officer, updated the City Council Members and the Port of Tacoma Commissioners on the Transportation Benefit District and the changes that were made with bipartisan support. He also reported on the Economic Development Bill, and marijuana. Sean Eagan, Government Affairs Director, Port of Tacoma, discussed the special session, the US Open and the availability of hotel rooms, the operating budget, the capital budget, including the remedial action grant funding and the transportation funding package.

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President Johnson provided closing comments and Mayor Strickland thanked John Wolfe, Chief Executive Officer, Port of Tacoma, and T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, for their hard work.

Other Items of Interest

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Weekly Report to the City Council, June 4, 2015

Adjournment

On proper motion, the joint study session was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk