



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

August 14, 2018

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:11 p.m.

Present: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Council Member Hunter participated telephonically.

Council Member McCarthy arrived at 12:25 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [18-0941](#) Chronic Nuisance Code and Business License Code Updates

At approximately 12:11 p.m., Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager, Finance, introduced Keith Echterling, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; made opening remarks; and provided background information on the Chronic Nuisance Code and Business License Code. She then provided an overview; reviewed goals; and a background on the intent of the codes. Mr. Echterling provided information on issues with the current status relating to Chronic Nuisance Code, noting a narrow definition and areas to improve; and proposed amendments, noting types of violations, current chronic nuisance activity list, and additional enforcement options. Ms. Larson reviewed issues with the current status of the Business License Code and proposed amendments, including license denial or revocation options. She then provided the outreach process and upcoming events, and concluded on next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the definition of chronic nuisance property and the number of violations, and clarification on a property owner with multiple properties with a single violation on each property versus a property owner with multiple properties with three violations on one property.

Council Member McCarthy arrived here, at 12:25 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding the concern on the code language under Section 6B.10.145 of the Municipal Code, relating to Summary suspension – Appeal; the need for changing the intent of the requirement under the Summary suspension section; the need for reiterating that this code will be applied to both commercial and residential property owners; adjacent property issues; and the need for a study on what is and is not working and gathering feedback. Discussion continued further regarding the provisional rental property license versus conditional rental property license and how the proposed amendments will affect these licenses, license revocation, and the appeal process.

2. [18-0942](#) Lincoln District Revitalization Project Update

At approximately 12:36 p.m., Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development (CED), made opening remarks and introduced Debbie Bingham, Economic Development Specialist, CED, presented an update on the Lincoln District Revitalization Project, including an overview; background and goals; its history and timeline; and business impact, noting community feedback and outcome. Ms. Bingham then invited local business owners to share their business experiences in Lincoln District. She then reviewed community impact, noting art programs and community gardens. Mark D’Andrea, Project Manager, Public Works, provided an update on the Lincoln Streetscape Improvement Project, including the project’s phase one and phase two processes and updates, and next steps. Carol Wolfe, Economic Development Supervisor, CED, provided information on organizational impact, noting highlighted projects, partners, and feedback. Ms. Wolfe concluded by providing next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the Streetscape project, including cloud columns, the needed updates on Yakima Avenue, and a potential park. Discussion continued on a designated Lincoln District liaison, economic development, lessons learned, and consideration of improving other neighborhoods.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [18-0943](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, August 9, 2018

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are no ceremonials and no expected changes to tonight's agenda. She further stated the South Puget Sound Heart Project has donated ten automated defibrillators to the Tacoma Police Department.

Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a and b) to discuss labor negotiations, not to exceed 30 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

The Council convened to Closed Session at 1:26 p.m.

The Closed Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:56 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk