



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

May 10, 2016

12:00 PM

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### Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:06 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Blocker, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 2 - Campbell and Lonergan

Council Member Lonergan arrived at 12:07 p.m.

### Briefing Items

1. [16-0401](#) Draft Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance

At approximately 12:06 p.m., Jim Parvey and Kristin Lynett, Environmental Services, provided background information and a timeline for the proposed Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance.

Council Member Lonergan arrived here, at 12:07 p.m.

Mr. Parvey provided an overview of the proposed ordinance, including issues, limiting the use of single-use plastic bags, bag restrictions, outreach, survey feedback, a summary of feedback received, the Bellingham model, and definitions. Ms. Lynett reviewed bags allowed by the ordinance. Mr. Parvey continued the presentation by discussing implementation, equity and fairness, business outreach, alternatives to disposable shopping bags, evaluation, a post implementation survey and fiscal impact.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding bag material, outreach, survey responses, training for grocery stores, citizens receiving government assistance, definition of single-use bag, bags being provided to low-income families, absorption of costs, allowable bags, the benefits and possible negative effects of the ordinance, impacts to the low-income community and micro-retailers, measuring the waste stream, cost of a paper bag, changing behavior, waste receptacles, auditing, the minimum bag fee, implementation, strategies for waste reduction and items requiring a bag by law.

2. [16-0403](#) Human Services Funding Process

At approximately 1:38 p.m., Nadia Chandler Hardy, Neighborhood and Community Services, provided an overview of the human services funding process, including the current funding process, the Leadership International City/County Municipal Association report, the proposed business model, the proposed funding process and schedule, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding support for the proposal, homelessness, evidence-based programs, innovative programs, a community needs assessment, priorities, auditing and monitoring providers, and the number of providers awarded funds.

**Other Items of Interest**

There were no other items of interest.

**Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports.

**Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report**

3. [16-0404](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, May 5, 2016

At approximately 2:15 p.m., T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated there are no proclamations, recognitions, announcements, or changes to tonight's agenda.

**Adjournment**

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk