



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

July 15, 2014

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:08 p.m.

Present: 7 - Boe, Campbell, Lonergan, Ibsen, Mello, Walker and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Thoms and Woodards

Deputy Mayor Woodards arrived at 12:18 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. 14-0619 Human Services Strategic Plan Recommendations

Mayor Strickland announced the first study session topic is recommended changes to the 2015-2019 Human Services Strategic Plan. Assistant City Manager Tansy Hayward provided opening remarks and reviewed background information. Pam Duncan, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS), reviewed the purpose of today's presentation and the timeline. Chris Wright, NCS, reviewed data and community engagement, demographics, and maps of local conditions including race, income, and poverty.

Deputy Mayor Woodards arrived here, at 12:18 p.m.

Mr. Wright reviewed the definition of access to opportunity and several maps depicting the levels of access to opportunity in the City. Discussion ensued regarding why some areas have more access to opportunity than others. Alicia Kone, Kennedy-Kone Consulting, reviewed the results of the environmental scan related to Human Services strategic priorities, including meeting the basic needs of Tacoma residents, preparing children and youth for success, increasing employability and self-sufficiency for adults, and enhancing mental health/substance use disorder (MHSUD) services.

Discussion ensued regarding the higher prevalence of drug and alcohol problems in the City. Deputy Mayor Woodards requested additional information regarding why the City has almost twice the amount of clients of state-funded alcohol or drug services than Washington State. Mayor Strickland

requested information regarding whether individuals arrested in the City for drug and alcohol issues are City residents; and the age and gender statistics for the data regarding the amount of African American individuals in Pierce County that experience homelessness. Council Member Campbell requested examples of state funded alcohol programs in the City.

Ms. Kone reviewed the conclusions of the environmental scan and recommendations. Ms. Duncan reviewed the Human Services Strategic Plan summary, recommended changes to funding priority language, policy, criteria, and targets. She then reviewed programs recommended for non-competitive funding, the competitive funding target comparison, MHSUD competitive funding targets, programs recommended for MHSUD non-competitive funding, and action items for the Council meeting on July 22, 2014.

Discussion ensued regarding programs recommended for funding, the difference between competitive and non-competitive funding, funding for domestic violence programs, factors that may impact statistics, and how to measure whether a program created innovation and capacity building. Council Member Mello requested information regarding the number of MHSUD non competitive funding applications received. Council Member Ibsen requested staff add economic stability to the list of prominent areas of unmet need with regard to domestic violence.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated there will be a recognition of Simpson Kraft and RockTenn on tonight's Council agenda, and there may be changes to the proposed Charter amendments. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli reviewed the proposed changes related to the proposed Charter amendments. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed changes.

2. **14-0620** Weekly Report to the City Council, July 10, 2014

Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

The Closed Session was cancelled.

Mayor Strickland announced there will be a Committee of the Whole meeting today in the Visibility Center on the 9th floor of the Tacoma Municipal Building at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk