



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

Telephonic

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 0943 8889

June 23, 2020

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Council Member Thoms arrived at 12:32 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [20-0408](#) Police Body Cameras

At approximately 12:13 p.m., Deputy City Manager Tadd Wille provided opening remarks and introduced Fred Scruggs, Captain, Christopher Travis, Lieutenant, and Don Ramsdell, Chief, Tacoma Police Department. Together, Captain Scruggs, Lieutenant Travis, and Deputy City Manager Wille presented an overview of the City's efforts relating to police body worn cameras, including background; a timeline of events; the vendor evaluation process, noting a vendor comparison, civilian support staff costs, total combined costs, and potential funding sources; body worn camera policies; implementation and deployment of body cameras; and considerations and next steps.

Council Member Thoms arrived here, at 12:32 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding community input, budget, which officers should have body worn cameras, City Council support from the Citizen Police Advisory Committee, timeline of deployment, the redaction process, other jurisdictions that have deployed body worn cameras, and training procedures to be implemented.

2. [20-0409](#) Active Transportation

At approximately 1:11 p.m., Mayor Woodards introduced Liz Kaster, Senior Planner, Public Works. Ms. Kaster presented an overview of active transportation, including background and community outreach; proposed Code revisions, noting sections not adopted, the amendment of WAC 308-330-555, clarifying mode definitions, use upon roadways, interference with vehicular or pedestrian traffic, use in the business district, confiscation and destruction of property, types of motorized foot scooters, areas of operation, rules of operation, application to other devices, and the helmet policy; a health, equity, and sustainability analysis; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding damages made from scooters, identification numbers on scooters, consequences for violators, liability regarding helmet usage, public outreach, vendor selection, and areas of operation.

3. [20-0410](#) Ammunition Tax

At approximately 1:42 p.m., Deputy City Manager Wille reviewed the firearms and ammunitions tax, including an overview of Substitute Ordinance No. 28624, the original timeline, updates made to the City Council, and current recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding the timeline and implementation of the tax.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Ushka presented a draft resolution encouraging community members to wear masks.

Discussion ensued regarding a requirement to wear masks, COVID-19 cases, safety, and the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

Mayor Woodards stated she will bring forward a Council Consideration Request regarding deaths in police custody, including requirements for reporting, a notification process, independent investigations, assigning family liaisons, and a community trauma response team.

Council Member Hunter reminded everyone that fireworks are not allowed within Tacoma city limits during the 4th of July weekend.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [20-0411](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, June 18, 2020

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli reminded the City Council that they will have a Committee of the Whole meeting at 3:00 p.m. She further stated that there are no expected changes to tonight's agenda.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk