



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

September 24, 2019

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Briefing Items

1. [19-1034](#) Tacoma Housing Authority Update

At approximately 12:13 p.m., Michael Mirra, Executive Director, Tacoma Housing Authority (THA) presented the THA update, including the Salishan neighborhood; Salishan home ownership and race; current apartment projects; building for seniors and persons with disabilities; Arlington Drive Campus for Homeless Youth and Young Adults; and THA projects in planning, noting the Hilltop Lofts, James Center North, and Hillsdale Heights Intergenerational Campus.

2. [19-1035](#) Internal Internship Program

At approximately 12:48 p.m., Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources (HR), made opening remarks and introduced Alice Phillips, Business Manager, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483; Cathy Journey, Senior Programs Manager, HR; and Tosha Siebert, Relay Shop Supervisor, Transmission and Development. Ms. Journey presented an overview, the Aspiring Leaders Portfolio, executive internship program description, and key partners. Ms. Siebert presented her internship experience, including exposure during the internship, thoughts and lessons learned, and memorable takeaways.

Discussion ensued regarding the development of internal and external growth

opportunities.

Other Items of Interest

3. [19-1045](#) Council Consideration Request- Neighborhood Engagement and Protection Standards for Construction Projects

Council Member Beale presented a Council Consideration Request (CCR) for a resolution directing the City Manager to review how the City engages the public and have staff bring results and recommendations related to neighborhood engagement and protection standards for construction projects to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding public outreach, developer accountability, and concerns the CCR would address.

Council Member Ushka stated she will bring a CCR to a future meeting regarding the request for funds for a group in East Side putting on a Day of the Dead celebration.

Mayor Woodards gave an update on the Mayoral Roundtable on Affordability meetings that have occurred since August, as well as topics for the upcoming meeting on October 9, 2019.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [19-1037](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, September 19, 2019

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are three ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, including proclaiming October 2, 2019 as Energy Efficiency Day, proclaiming October 2019 as Tacoma Arts Month, and the presentation of the Venue Excellence Award. She further stated there are no expected changes to tonight's agenda.

Executive Session - Pending and Potential Litigation

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending and potential litigation, not to exceed 20 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 1:30 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre was present.

The Executive Session was extended by 15 minutes at 1:45 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk