



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

January 15, 2019

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:09 p.m.

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

Absent: 1 - Ibsen

Briefing Items

1. [19-0043](#) Scooter and Bike Share Use and Impact Update

At approximately 12:10 p.m., Kurtis Kingsolver, Director, Public Works (PW), provided opening remarks and introduced Meredith Soniat, Associate Planner, PW. Ms. Soniat presented on the Bike and Scooter Share program, including background, including employment growth, population growth, and the results of a feasibility study; right-of-way use permit conditions and data gathered during the permit period; feedback collected; and laws impacting bikes and scooters. Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney, concluded by reviewing next steps for the program.

Discussion ensued regarding scooter equity, safety, outreach, and placement around the city.

2. [19-0044](#) Council Vacancies

At approximately 1:03 p.m., Bill Fosbre, City Attorney, presented on filling Council vacancies, including an overview; background laws; policy and process issues; and the proposed Council Rule, including open positions, process, interviews, narrowing down the interview pool to the finalists, and voting on the appointment. He concluded by reviewing the next steps for the proposed Council Rule.

Discussion ensued regarding structuring the application process.

3. [19-0045](#) Director Confirmation Process

At approximately 1:30 p.m., Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager, provided a presentation on Director confirmations, including background, history, factors to consider, director confirmation areas, confirmation process guidelines, process exceptions, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the process of appointing the Director of Tacoma Public Utilities, the process of selecting City Attorneys, and formalizing the selection process.

Other Items of Interest

4. [19-0046](#) Council Consideration Request - Tideflats Economic Analysis Study

The item was not considered. Council Member Thoms requested that his Council Consideration Request for the Tideflats Economic Analysis Study be postponed to the next study session.

5. [19-0047](#) Council Consideration Request - Community Work Force Agreement Task Force Support

Deputy Mayor McCarthy presented his Council Consideration Request for the Community Work Force Agreement (CWA) Task Force support, allocating \$35,000 from the City Council Contingency Fund to support the ongoing efforts of the CWA Task Force by providing funding for a consultant who will assist in facilitation of meetings.

Discussion ensued regarding the process of choosing consultants.

Mayor Woodards stated the next meeting of the Subarea Tideflats Committee is scheduled on February 8, 2019, and requested that Council Members provide comments on the work plan prior to this date.

Council Member Thoms stated the State Legislature is considering legislation revising the regulation of soju, a Korean drink often served at ceremonies, to recognize the traditional cultural practices of serving soju. Council Member Hunter stated she is drafting a letter in support of the proposed revisions.

Discussion ensued regarding possible changes to Liquor Control Board laws.

Mayor Woodards stated that funding is available in the budget for Council travel and participation in conferences, education, and community engagement events.

Committee Reports

Council Member Mello stated the Pierce Transit Board has initiated a request for proposals for transit-oriented development with a focus on affordable housing in the area of the 72nd and Portland transit center. He further stated Pierce Transit held several open houses concerning the Bus Rapid Transit project, Tacoma Dome Station carpool permit stalls; and plans to discontinue the Downtown to Defiance Trolley in 2019.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of the land at 72nd and Portland transit center for veteran housing.

Council Member Beale stated he attended the second meeting of the 84th and Hosmer Business Community, where they discussed issues such as homelessness, crime, and prostitution. He further stated a Safe Streets group consisting of business owners in the 72nd and Pacific Avenue area is meeting later in the week.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

6. [19-0048](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, January 10, 2019

Ms. Pauli stated tonight's agenda includes two ceremonials, proclaiming January 2019 as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month, and a recognition for Mr. Jesse Hart. She further stated no changes are expected to the agenda.

Executive Session - City Manager's Performance Review

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for the City Manager's Performance Review, not to exceed 20 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ibsen

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 2:22 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:42 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk