



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

Telephonic

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July 07, 2020

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

All Council Members participated virtually.

Item No. 2 was addressed before Item No. 1.

Briefing Items

2. [20-0432](#) Discussion of Proposed Detention Center Resolution

At approximately 12:09 p.m., Mayor Woodards introduced Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager, and made opening remarks regarding the proposed resolution on the Northwest Immigration Custom Enforcement (ICE) Processing Center created through work with the groups La Resistencia and the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs. Ms. Gallagher presented an update on the proposed resolution, including regulatory oversight of the medical portion of the center, social distancing and quarantine protocol, parole and bond, health and safety measures during the public health emergency, testing that has occurred at the facility, and the requests from the City Council that are currently in the proposed resolution.

Discussion ensued regarding release of detainees, suspending the detention center's license, creating business licensing criteria, where detainees would be released, possible changes to the resolution and bringing it back to the City Council, communication with ICE, ICE facilities in other cities, and next steps.

1. [20-0431](#) Follow Up Conversation on Body Worn Cameras

At approximately 1:04 p.m., Tadd Wille, Deputy City Manager, introduced Fred Scruggs, Captain, Tacoma Police Department (TPD). Together, they presented a follow up on police body worn cameras, including agenda; an overview of the June 23, 2020, presentation; guidance requested from the City Council; personnel; deployment, noting City Council direction and staff rollout recommendation; policy development, community engagement, and vendor selection; timeline; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding community groups and outreach, budget impacts, and next steps.

3. [20-0433](#) Council discussion of timeline and community outreach for initial steps of systems transformation, focused on policing

At approximately 1:33 p.m., Mayor Woodards reviewed the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 23, 2020, and introduced Tanisha Jumper, Director, Media and Communications. Ms. Jumper facilitated a discussion regarding the timeline and community outreach on transformation focused on policing, including the definition of safety and the Citizen's Police Advisory Committee (CPAC).

Discussion ensued regarding who should be leading community engagement work, community groups to get in contact with, information needed to make informed policy decisions, community safety, finding out what is and is not working in community safety, engagement of youth in the community, including the Puyallup Tribe of Indians in the outreach, and next steps.

Ms. Jumper presented the CPAC response to the Committee of the Whole discussion results, including new sub-committees, outreach, and timeline.

Discussion ensued regarding the composition of CPAC, resources, the new sub-committees, and public engagement.

Other Items of Interest

Mayor Woodards stated that beginning Tuesday, July 14, 2020, study sessions will be televised.

Deputy Mayor Blocker presented a Council Consideration Request for support to reserve marijuana licenses for individuals impacted by marijuana prohibition, such as people of color, and to ask the State for eight additional licenses.

Discussion ensued regarding equitability, placement of shops in the City, the process of getting a license, and the racial status of current license-holders.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [20-0435](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, July 2, 2020

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated that tonight's agenda will have one ceremonial, proclaiming July 2020 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month. She further stated that there will be one change to the agenda, a motion to amend the City Council's March 24, 2020, motion and allow verbal public comment during Community Forum only, beginning July 2020.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk