

City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402 Conference Room 16 February 02, 2016 12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:05 p.m.

Present: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Woodards and

Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Lonergan and Thoms

Council Member Lonergan arrived at 12:05 p.m., and Council Member Thoms arrived at 12:07 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. <u>16-0087</u> Legislative Updates

Council Member Lonergan arrived here, at 12:05 p.m.

At approximately 12:06 p.m., Randy Lewis, Government Relations Officer, presented legislative updates related to City bills of interest, including House bill (HB) 2438 and Senate bill (SB) 6425, which restore full share of liquor revenue for cities; SB 6115, capping all utility taxes at six percent without a vote; HB 2296, extends the .33 percent sales tax credit used by public facilities from 25 to 40 years.

Council Member Thoms arrived at here, 12:07 p.m.

Mr. Lewis continued reviewing legislative bills, including HB 2362, making body camera video exempt from disclosure under certain circumstances; HB 2341, closes some loopholes in collection of DNA from felons to assist cold case closure; HB 2543, allows permanent United States residents to be hired as police and fire fighters. Mr. Lewis concluded by reviewing two marijuana bills, HB 6093, a marijuana lounge endorsement on the marijuana retail license and SB 6375, a marijuana club bill, allowing adoption of an ordinance for people 21 and older to use marijuana in a licensed club.

Discussion ensued regarding body cameras, marijuana lounges and clubs, and the property tax exemption bill.

Other Items of Interest

Mayor Strickland stated that there will be one change to tonight's agenda a resolution appointing Terry Dillon to the Click! Engagement Committee.

Committee Reports

Deputy Mayor Mello stated that he attended the Association of Washington Cities State and Federal Policy Committee meeting last week and that many of the bills discussed today were the priority of the committee. He also reported on the committee's discussion regarding balancing the costly abuse of Public Disclosure Requests and the right to public access.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

2. <u>16-0088</u> Weekly Report to the City Council, January 28, 2016

At approximately 12:30 p.m., T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated that there are no proclamations, recognitions, presentations or announcements; and in relation to tonight's meeting one change is expected, a resolution appointing Terry Dillon to the Click! Engagement Committee.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.	
Marilyn Strickland, Mayor	_
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Doris Sorum, City Clerk	