



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

January 08, 2019

12:00 PM

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### Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:11 p.m.

**Present:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

### Other Items of Interest

Council Member Ushka stated she has requested the City Manager's Office and Tacoma Public Utilities develop a press release regarding utility bill penalty relief for customers who are on furlough during the federal government shutdown. City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated the press release should be ready by tonight's Council meeting.

Council Member Beale stated residents in the south and east sides of Tacoma reported that offensive leaflets were distributed in their neighborhoods by a white supremacist group. He further stated staff are drafting a statement to be presented at tonight's Council meeting.

**1. 19-0027** Draft 2018-2019 City Council Appointments.

Mayor Woodards provided the City Council appointments list and outlined proposed revisions and vacancies.

Discussion ensued regarding Council Members' availability and interest in vacancies.

Council Member Beale stated Council Members are invited to meetings in the District No. 5 area, including the Hosmer Business Listening Session on January 14, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Express, located at 8601 South Hosmer Street; and the first meeting of the 72nd Pacific Avenue Business Safe Streets Group on January 17, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., at Fred Meyer, located at 7250 Pacific Avenue.

## Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports given.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

2. [19-0003](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, January 3, 2019

City Manager Pauli stated there are no ceremonials on the agenda, and no changes are expected to the agenda. In response to the previous discussion, she also outlined the City's procedure for handling reports of hate crime.

## Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a and b) to discuss labor negotiations, not to exceed 20 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

The City Council convened to Closed Session at 12:30 p.m. Chief Deputy City Attorney Chris Bacha was present.

The Closed Session was extended by 10 minutes at 12:50 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.

The Closed Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:14 p.m.

## **Executive Session - City Manager Performance Review**

**MOTION:** Council Member Ibsen moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate City Manager's mid-year performance review check-in, not to exceed 30 minutes.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Blocker.

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 1:17 p.m. Chief Deputy City Attorney Chris Bacha was present.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:36 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk