



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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August 13, 2024

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Briefing Items

1. [24-0882](#) Citywide Website Redesign Project Update
[Goldin Doles, Communications and Marketing Manager,
Media and Communications Office]

At approximately 12:01 p.m., Amy Clancy, Director, Media and Communications Office (MCO), introduced Goldin Doles, Communications and Marketing Manager, MCO. Doles provided an update on the City website redesign project; goals, including improved navigation and increase accessibility; background; research; methodology, including usability study and focus groups; design prototypes; overall findings; community engagement events; and next steps, including the anticipated launch in spring 2025. Enzhou Wang, Assistant Director, Information Technology, presented implementation, including the secured new domain Tacoma.gov.

Discussion ensued regarding redirection from the old domain name; mobile device capability; key words and search engine optimization; content management framework, including internal web stewards; internal and external data analytics; social media integration; artificial intelligence functionality, including chatbots; Legistar search integration; content audit, noting archive policies; ease of finding meeting materials and links; accessibility to information and resources for all residents; claims process, noting the difficulty of tracking current claims; and language accessibility tools.

2. [24-0883](#) South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Public Hearing Preparation [Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 12:42 p.m., Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services (PDS), introduced Glen George, Principal Civil Engineer P.E., Tacoma Water, and Erin Dilworth, Healthy Community Planner, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD); and presented an overview of the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD), including location, noting creation and establishment; moratorium, including Amended Substitute Resolution No. 40985 and adoption of Ordinance No. 28872; work plan; engagement efforts; and landscaping and tree canopy, noting areas of focus for code review and background. George continued with the Tacoma Water Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) update; yield model refinements, noting demand forecasts and peak reduction strategies; climate change assessment; groundwater analysis, including United States Geological Survey Southeast Sound Groundwater Flow Model analysis report; the IRP Public Advisory Committee; and schedule. Dilworth presented on the STGPD health impact assessment (HIA), including phases, HIA Advisory Group, community engagement, and next steps. Atkinson concluded with the moratorium and work plan schedule.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for TPCHD collaboration and the importance of the work plan; the HIA, noting community engagement topics, process and policy considerations, and standardization and practice standards; monitoring and testing schedule; and focus area recommendations.

3. [24-0884](#) Community Safety Action Strategy Update [Jacques Colon, Chief Strategy Officer; Gabe Moaalii, Strategic Initiatives Program Coordinator; Office of Strategy]

At approximately 1:33 p.m., Jacques Colon, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of Strategy, provided opening remarks on the Community Safety Action Strategy and introduced Gabe Moaalii, Strategic Initiatives Program Coordinator, Office of Strategy, and Alyssa Torrez, Senior Planner, PDS. Together, Colon, Moaalii, and Torrez presented an overview; purposes; shared priority; improving equity through coordination, noting workshop stations and engagement methods; approach, noting collaboration and partnerships; community vision, noting goals to co-create healthy places and neighborhoods, invest in people and prevention, effective response with care, and promote healing and repair; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding actions versus goals, noting expressing expectations and vision; metrics of success, noting accountability factors, timelines, and resources; investment in prevention and business safety; summary of action plans, noting emotional impact and City targets; gaps in

areas that community would like the City to focus on; budget; and next steps prior to adoption.

Other Items of Interest

- 4. [24-0885](#) Letters to Pierce County Council Members and Pierce County Executive Regarding Homeless Services in Pierce County [Mayor Woodards]

Mayor Woodards presented a pair of letters addressed to Pierce County Council Members and the Pierce County Executive advocating for the support of Ordinance O2024-540, which would amend Pierce County's land use code and allow for a streamlined process of setting up non-congregate tiny home shelter sites, noting that many individuals experiencing homelessness are either residing or seeking refuge in unincorporated areas where access to essential services and shelter is limited. She concluded by stating through continued collaboration and shared commitment, we can make significant progress in reducing homelessness, and the letters will be considered under the consent agenda at tonight's meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding requested edits and the need for services all over Pierce County.

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Mayor Woodards mentioned the updated Council appointments resolution will be in the packet for the August 20, 2024, Council agenda. She concluded by reminding Council Members to share their priorities.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

- 5. [24-0886](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, August 8, 2024 [Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are no ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, no changes are expected, and tonight's meeting includes a public hearing on the STGPD moratorium extension and community forum.

Executive Session - Pending Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to convene to executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

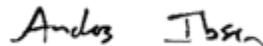
Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

The City Council convened to executive session at 3:06 p.m.
City Attorney Chris Bacha was present.

The executive session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 3:22 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.



for Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Nicole Emery, City Clerk