



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

November 05, 2019

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor McCarthy called the study session to order at 12:10 p.m.

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

Mayor Woodards arrived at 12:13 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [19-1228](#) Mid-Biennium Budget Modification Recommendations

At approximately 12:11 p.m., City Manager Elizabeth Pauli made opening remarks and presented the agenda and the purpose of the modification.

Mayor Woodards arrived here, at 12:13 p.m.

Ms. Pauli presented the 2019-2020 biennial budget priority areas and the Budget Initiative Tracker. Katie Johnston, Budget Officer, Finance, presented the modification highlights, noting affordable housing, homelessness, public safety, health equity, economic development, transit access, walkability, civic engagement, digital equity, health equity and equity, asset management, and government performance. She further presented the general fund adjustments, including general fund resources, general fund modification requests, and long term financial planning; and other fund adjustments, noting special revenue funds adjustments, enterprise funds adjustments, capital budget highlights, and important dates.

Discussion ensued regarding expanding the temporary shelter, the Tacoma Rescue Mission shelter expansion, recruiting and budgeting for the Tacoma Police Department (TPD), revenue contributions for the Tacoma Dome and Greater Tacoma Convention Center, translation services, inclement weather sheltering, faith-based organizations offering shelter, overtime funding for TPD patrols, and cleaning up trash and debris at

locations used as homeless encampments.

Other Items of Interest

- 2. [19-1229](#) Proposed Amendments to Ordinance No. 28624, Firearms and Ammunition Tax Discussion

Ms. Pauli stated that the proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 28624 would add language to exclude manufactured gun parts from the tax.

Discussion ensued regarding implementing a gun buy-back program, the amount of money the tax would generate, how much the City spends on gun violence prevention currently, City programs offered to intervene and/or prevent gun violence, and the intent and purpose of the ordinance.

- 3. [19-1247](#) Proposed Resolution directing the City Manager to convene a Gun Violence Reduction Workgroup

Council Member Hunter presented a proposed resolution directing the City Manager to convene a Gun Violence Reduction Workgroup comprised of representatives from Tacoma Public Schools, Tacoma-based firearms manufacturers and retailers, community partners, and City of Tacoma staff to reveiw approaches to address gun violence in the City that includes recommendations with fiscal analyses to be shared with the appropriate Council Committees by March 1, 2020.

Discussion ensued regarding getting manufacturers involved in prevention programs, the Executive Steering Committee and the Gang Project, and utilizing existing resources.

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City Attorney Bill Fosbre explained the process of the quasi-judicial hearing that will take place at tonight’s meeting.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

- 4. [19-1227](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, October 31, 2019

Ms. Pauli stated that there are two ceremonials on tonight’s meeting agenda, proclaiming Monday, November 11, 2019 as Veteran’s Appreciation Day and proclaiming November 2019 as Native American Heritage Month. She further stated that there is one anticipated change to the agenda, a request

from staff for the Council to set over the final reading of Ordinance No. 28626 until November 19, 2019.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk