



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 894 9617 1192

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**April 11, 2023**

**12:00 PM**

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### Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

### Briefing Items

There were no briefing items.

### Other Items of Interest

2. [23-0365](#) Letter of Support for E2SSB 5080

Council Member Blocker presented a draft letter of support for Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5080, relating to expanding and improving the social equity in cannabis programs, including goals, noting equity and parity in the licensing system, and providing communities of color with equal opportunities in the retail cannabis industry; and that the letter is on tonight's meeting agenda for City Council consideration.

Discussion ensued regarding revising the letter now that the bill has passed in the Washington State Senate, and appreciation and support for the letter.

1. [23-0364](#) Council Consideration Request - Together We End Gun Violence Conference Sponsorship

Mayor Woodards presented a Council Consideration Request (CCR) for \$10,000 of Council Contingency Funds to sponsor the Together We End Gun Violence conference, including background, appreciation for staff and conference organizers, the upcoming two-day event in Tacoma,

raising awareness, and the proposal for the CCR to be on next week's meeting agenda for City Council consideration.

Discussion ensued regarding advocacy for comprehensive gun reform at the state and federal levels.

## Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [23-0366](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, April 6, 2023

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated that tonight's meeting agenda includes two ceremonials, proclaiming April 10-16, 2023, as Food Waste Prevention Week, and proclaiming April 10-17, 2023, as Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Week; a quarterly systems transformation presentation; and Community Forum. She concluded by stating that a motion may be considered on tonight's meeting agenda to add Resolution No. 41175 to the agenda, setting a public hearing for the Annual Action Plan.

## Executive Session - Review the Qualifications of a Public Employee

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to convene to an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the qualifications of a public employee, not to exceed 60 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 12:14 p.m.

The Executive Session was extended by 15 minutes at 1:13 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 1:33 p.m.

## Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

  
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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

  
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Doris Sorum, City Clerk

For