



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

July 11, 2017

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Present: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Briefing Items

1. [17-0669](#) Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's Office Community Initiatives

At approximately 12:10 p.m., Mark Lindquist, Pierce County Prosecutor, provided information on three public safety initiatives: elder abuse, the High Priority Offender Program (data-driven prosecution), and fair share of offenders. He stated since 2011 Pierce County has been a leader in prosecuting elder abuse cases and as the community is aging there are more incidents of elder abuse, primarily financial. He reported a specialized trial team was built in 2011 and Pierce County is one of only nine in the United States to receive a grant from the Department of Justice for approximately \$400,000 to form a comprehensive approach to elder abuse. Mr. Lindquist then discussed the High Priority Offender Program, stating the idea is to focus limited resources on the small percentage of criminals who are causing a large percentage of crime, and described the new way data and technology is being utilized to identify and tag these offenders. He recognized the Tacoma Police Department (TPD) and Chief Don Ramsdell, stating TPD has been the top provider of high priority offenders into the program and the collaboration with TPD has been very successful. He concluded by discussing the push for fair share of offenders, stating Pierce County for decades has been a dumping ground for offenders coming out of the Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) from other counties. He stated at one time Pierce County was receiving 34 percent of DOC offenders and is only 17 percent of the state population. Mr. Lindquist discussed Senate Bill 6157, that now requires the release of offenders back to their county of origin, with some exceptions, and shared information on the closing of Rap Lincoln, a facility near Lincoln High School, noting a replacement facility will be opened in another county.

Discussion ensued regarding where and how to report elder abuse, the High Priority Offender Program and collaboration with TPD, data sharing, the closure of Rap Lincoln, how to help prevent elder abuse, and the opiate crisis in Pierce County.

Other Items of Interest

2. [17-0689](#) Substitute Ordinance No. 28437

At approximately 12:34 p.m., Council Member Lonergan presented a proposed substitute for Ordinance No. 28437 regarding human habitation of vehicles, stating the substitute adds a provision for the escalation of fees for repeat violators and changes the distance you have to move from one-half mile in radius to one mile. Discussion ensued regarding enforcement.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [17-0670](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, July 6, 2017

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are no ceremonials on tonight's agenda, and there is one change to bring forward the substitute to the ordinance regarding human habitation of vehicles as just discussed.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk