



# Joint City Council/Tacoma Public School Board Study Session Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16, 733 Market St, Tacoma, Washington 98402

August 27, 2013

Mayor Strickland called the joint study session to order at 12:04 p.m.

Council Members Present: 7 – Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Walker, and Mayor Strickland.

Council Members Absent: 2 – Thoms, and Woodards (arrived at 12:18 p.m.)

School Board Present: 3 – Miller, Vialle, and Winskill.

School Board Absent: 2 – Heinze (arrived at 12:06 p.m.), and Ushka.

Mayor Strickland called upon Debbie Winskill, Tacoma School Board President. Ms. Winskill introduced the board members present and Dr. Josh Garcia, Tacoma Public Schools Deputy Superintendent.

Mayor Strickland stated the first joint study session topic is Tacoma School District Strategic Plan.

School Board Member Scott Heinze arrived here, at 12:06 p.m.

Dr. Garcia provided background information regarding the Tacoma School District and reviewed the strategic plan goals, including academic excellence, partnerships, early learning, and safety. He stated the school district is striving to create sustainable change for every student, every day, by using constant, efficient, and holistic approaches. Dr. Garcia then reviewed the plan to achieve instructional, structural, and partnership excellence; and areas of focus to ensure student success.

Council Member Woodards arrived here, at 12:18 p.m.

Dr. Garcia concluded by reviewing targets for the 2013-2014 school year, and statistics for academic achievement and community support. Discussion ensued regarding the Lighthouse District, benchmarks set by the school board, suspensions, and other educational opportunities.

Mayor Strickland announced the next joint study session topic is the Summer Youth Pilot Program. Tansy Hayward, Assistant City Manager, provided background information; reviewed the program objectives, goals, and structure; and the City's goals for the program. Dr. Garcia reviewed the Tacoma School District's goals for the program and presented a video. Becky Plant, REACH Center, discussed the recruitment process for the program; Brent Capatch, WorkForce Central, discussed classroom accomplishments, including financial and career planning; and Caitlin Escobar, program participant, shared her experiences. Ms. Hayward concluded by reviewing next steps and projected pilot expenditures.

Mayor Strickland adjourned the joint meeting here, at 1:15 p.m.

Mayor Strickland announced the first regular study session item is an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation, the session not to exceed 15 minutes. Seconded by Council Member Woodards. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:25 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli, Chief Deputy City Attorney Bill Fosbre, and Deputy City Attorney Jeff Capell were present.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

Mayor Strickland stated the next regular study session topic is the Department of Ecology's response to the Shoreline Master Program. Peter Huffman, Interim Planning and Development Services (PDS) Director, provided background information, and Stephen Atkinson, PDS, reviewed the response, including findings and conclusions, required changes, and recommended changes. Mr. Atkinson then reviewed the response to the S-6/7 Schuster Parkway Transition District, including findings and conclusions, conditional use criteria, and the intent statement. Mr. Atkinson concluded by reviewing response options and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding the Department of Ecology's findings, including the S-6/7 Schuster Parkway Transition District, lay berthing, conditional use criteria, and next steps.

Mayor Strickland asked for other items of interest; hearing none, she called upon City Manager T.C. Broadnax to review the agenda for tonight's Council meeting. Mr. Broadnax stated there will be a presentation from the College Success Foundation Leadership 1000 Scholarships students, and there will not be a City Council meeting next week due to the Labor Day holiday.

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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STRICKLAND, MAYOR

ATTEST: 

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DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK