



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

August 11, 2015

12:00 PM

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### Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:07 p.m.

**Present:** 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

Council Member Thoms arrived at 12:10 p.m.

### Briefing Items

1. [15-0819](#) Marijuana Regulations

At approximately 12:08 p.m., Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney, provided an update on marijuana enforcement, including recent regulatory history.

Council Member Thoms arrived here, at 12:10 p.m.

Ms. Pauli continued her update by reviewing December 2014 and April 2015 discussions surrounding enforcement, legislation, issues to discuss, and recommendations. Brian Boudet, Planning and Development Services, provided a dispersion map, and discussed next steps, including recommendations and Municipal Code changes planned for early 2016. Discussion ensued regarding union workers, timeline, future endorsements, access, regulation of hours, medical enhancements, retail outlets, store closures before July 2016, state preference tiers and criteria, focusing on problematic collectives, legislation, appeals, and allocations.

2. [15-0829](#) Billboard Regulations

At approximately 1:10 p.m., Mr. Boudet presented an overview of billboard regulations, including issues and recommendations, basic parameters of the Exchange Program and Companion Agreement, and provided a tentative schedule. Discussion ensued regarding pedestrian scale signage, removing design requirements, and signs on roofs.

## Other Items of Interest

Deputy Mayor Boe stated he would be proposing two amendments to Resolution No. 39255, related to the alignment of the Sound Transit Link expansion. He stated his amendments would be relative to station locations and the use of center platforms. Discussion ensued regarding the amendments.

## Committee Reports

Council Member Lonergan stated that last week South Sound 911 held its annual joint operations and policy board meeting and that the predominant topic discussed was radio system access.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [15-0830](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, August 6, 2015  
At approximately 2:03 p.m., T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated there are no proclamations, recognitions or announcements scheduled for tonight's agenda. He stated that Citizens' Forum is also on tonight's agenda.

## Executive Session - Director of Utilities Performance Review

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to discuss the performance of the Director of Utilities, not to exceed 20 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

The Council convened to Executive Session at 2:10 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli was present.

The Executive Session was extended by 15 minutes at 2:30 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk