



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

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February 25, 2025

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Hines

Council Member Hines arrived at 12:30 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [25-0154](#)

Crime Plan Update

[Crystal Young-Haskins, Assistant Chief, Tacoma Police Department]

At approximately 12:01 p.m., Crystal Young-Haskins, Assistant Chief, Tacoma Police Department (TPD), provided opening remarks on the violent crime reduction plan, showed gratitude for staff, and introduced Dr. Michael Smith, Professor, University of Texas at San Antonio. Smith presented the project background; mid-year analysis plan; city-wide violent crime incidents and victims; violent crime by offense type and sector; crime in treatment area versus last year; city-wide arrest and calls for service, including percent change in treatment area; fidelity results; and mid-term strategy, including operations plan, results, and summary. Young-Haskins concluded with appreciation for multi-departmental support.

Discussion ensued regarding violent offenses, including the uptick of calls for service from local businesses and engagement from the community in general; process and practices for continuing work on locations from crime plan; fidelity results; and data and trends of violent crime incidents between January 2020 and December 2024.

Council Member Hines arrived here, at 12:30 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding various crime strategies being implemented,

including what other cities have done and the challenges in comparing data; positive changes after implementation of East 25th Street corridor; domestic violence and trafficking crimes; importance of property crime strategies; desire for quarterly updates on all crime strategies; and details on the crime increase in areas surrounding hot spots.

2. [25-0155](#)

Tideflats Subarea Plan Update

[Steve Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 1:01 p.m., Mayor Woodards provided a Tideflats Subarea Plan overview, including the culmination of past seven years, the collaboration of multi jurisdictions, and community engagement to create a plan that belongs to everyone. Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services (PDS), presented the purpose, plan area, state policy framework, shared planning, process, engagement, steering committee recommendation, plan chapters, proposed zoning map, process and approach for Council review, and tentative next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding gratitude and pride for the work; proposed zoning map, including the complexity and uniqueness; proposed public hearings; timeline; appreciation for the creativity; process for submittal of amendments; and impacts to the Shoreline Master Program.

3. [25-0156](#)

Black History Survey Briefing

[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 1:36 p.m., Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, PDS; introduced Monette Hearn, Project Lead, Black Historic Sites Washington; and Ellen Mirro, Architect and Architectural Historian; and provided context of the historic survey of Tacoma's black heritage. Together, Hearn and Mirro presented an overview; trends in Tacoma, including the four neighborhoods, noting Hilltop, Hawthorne, Fort Lewis, and Salishan; Tacoma's redlines and covenants details; racial distribution patterns over time; establishing Hilltop, including George Putnam Riley and the Workingmen's Joint Stock Association (WJSA); Hawthorne neighborhood; Fort Lewis, including establishment and timeline; Salishan federal housing development; project model, including Ray Gibson's Caballeros Club; Evergreen State College Tacoma campus case study; Tacoma community engagement; and Tacoma historic preservation, including equity index and eligibility. McKnight concluded with past practices and importance of history.

Discussion ensued regarding preparation and process for Ray Gibson's Caballeros Club historic preservation; incentives for historic landmarks; factoring in the importance of an organization instead of a physical location;

process of losing Hilltop land from WJSA purchase after Putnam Riley's death; significance and responsibility to the movement of cultural spaces; and future goals and process.

Other Items of Interest

4. [25-0159](#) Council Consideration Request - A Resolution Expressing Support for the Passage of Proposition No.1 Submitted by the City of Tacoma to Fund Street Maintenance [Mayor Woodards]

Council Member Walker presented a Council Consideration Request (CCR) for a resolution in support for the passage of Proposition No. 1 submitted by the City of Tacoma on the April 22, 2025, Special Election ballot; to fund street repair, maintenance, and safety improvements for streets, including bicycle and pedestrian improvements. She stated the measure continues the commitment to safer, well-maintained streets by increasing property and utility taxes, raising an estimated \$375,000,000 over 15 years, with the potential to leverage over \$900,000,000 through grants and partnerships. She concluded by stating this will come to Council in March.

5. [25-0153](#) Council Consideration Request - A Resolution Declaring the Inclusion of Community Members Over the Age of Sixty-Five on Tacoma's Committees, Boards and Commissions a Priority [Council Member Hines]

Council Member Hines presented a CCR for a resolution declaring it a priority to include at least one community member over the age of 65 on each of Tacoma's committees, boards, and commissions (CBC) when possible, and directing the City Manager to keep the City Council informed on a quarterly basis about changes to senior representation on CBCs. He concluded by stating the City is an aging City, and seniors have unique needs and interests that younger CBC members may not be attuned to; and the resolution will come to the full Council on March 4, 2025.

6. [25-0150](#) Council Consideration Request - A Resolution Providing Direction to the City Manager on Commemorative Flag Raising [Council Member Diaz]

Council Member Diaz presented a CCR for a resolution providing direction to the City Manager on where and when commemorative flags are flown at City facilities. She continued that a "Commemorative Flag" is a flag that identifies with a specific event, cause, theme, or group of people that the City Council chooses to honor, recognize, or commemorate consistent with the City's official policies and priorities. She concluded by stating the

commemorative flags approved in this policy are for: pride, transgender, Juneteenth, and gun violence prevention; and will be flown at the following locations: Tacoma Municipal Building North (733 Market Street), Tacoma Dome (2727 E “D” Street), TPD Headquarters (3701 South Pine Street), and TFD Headquarters (901 Fawcett Avenue).

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for the leadership, dedication, and thoughtfulness to get this done.

7. [25-0157](#) Council Action Memorandum - A Resolution adopting a Policy to Ensure the Rights and Dignity of all Residents are Maintained and Protected
[Council Member Sadalge]

Council Member Sadalge presented a Council Action Memorandum (CAM) for a resolution adopting a policy to ensure the rights and dignity of all residents are maintained and protected, including directing the City Manager to use no City funds, facilities, property, equipment, or personnel to investigate, enforce, cooperate with, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of any federal registration or surveillance programs or any other laws, rules, or policies that target individuals in Tacoma solely on the basis of race, religion, immigration, citizenship status, or national or ethnic origin. He concluded by stating this resolution will mirror RCW 43.17.425; and according to the Washington State Budget and Policy Center, immigrants make up 15 percent of Washington’s population, 19 percent of Washington’s labor force, and are responsible for 21 percent of the state’s Gross Domestic Product.

Discussion ensued regarding why it is coming forward as a resolution not an ordinance.

8. [25-0161](#) Council Action Memorandum - A Resolution Affirming the City of Tacoma’s Commitment to our LGBTQIA2S+ Community so They Can Live Authentically and Without Fear of Discrimination or Harm
[Council Member Diaz]

Council Member Diaz presented a CAM for Resolution No. 41628 to affirm and reaffirm the City’s commitment to ensuring that all individuals, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, feel safe and supported; and its commitment to diversity, inclusion, and justice, ensuring that all members of our community can live authentically and without fear of discrimination or harm; and to protecting the civil rights of our LGBTQIA2S+ community. She concluded by stating no City resources shall be used for investigating, assisting an investigation, arrest, or prosecution of an individual on the basis of exercising their rights identified above and in the event any law or regulation is passed in the State of Washington which

imposes criminal punishment, civil liability, administrative penalties, or professional sanctions, on an individual or organization exercising their rights, the City Manager shall make enforcement of said law or regulation among the City's lowest enforcement priority.

Discussion ensued regarding the enforcement and policy intent for practices at the City.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

9. [25-0158](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, February 20, 2025
[Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

Deputy City Manager Hyun Kim stated there are two ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, proclaiming March 1-9, 2025, as Tacoma Beer Week; and proclaiming February 2025 as Career and Technical Education Month; one change is expected to tonight's agenda, a substitution of Resolution No. 41628, to add clarifying language; and tonight's meeting includes community forum.

Executive Session - Pending Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Daniels moved to convene to executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation, not to exceed 10 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

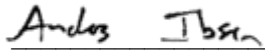
Ayes: 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

The City Council convened to executive session at 3:10 p.m.
City Attorney Chris Bacha was present.


The executive session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 3:19 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.



for Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Nicole Emery, City Clerk