



City of Tacoma

Committee of the Whole Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

9th Floor Visibility Center

November 04, 2014

3:00 PM

Call To Order

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 3:19 p.m.

Present: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

Council Member Walker arrived at 3:26 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. **14-1082** Discussion Regarding the City's Participation in a Proposed Tall Ships 2017 Event

City Manager T.C. Broadnax provided an overview of a meeting he attended regarding the proposal for the Tall Ships 2017 event, which included stakeholders that participated in previous Tall Ships events in Tacoma. He stated the group is interested in having a Tall Ships event in 2017. Mr. Broadnax stated the group attended an Economic Development Committee meeting on October 28, 2014, to discuss logistics of the event and request the City sponsor the event and provide in-kind services, security, permitting processes, and a contact person. He then inquired whether the Council would like to help bring the Tall Ships event back to Tacoma, and their desired level of participation.

Mayor Strickland stated she supports the event because is consistent with the intent to brand Tacoma as an international waterfront city. Council Member Thoms discussed the importance of beginning the planning process early in order to get participation from the ships, having an event manager and new revenue, which may include admission to the event.

Council Member Walker arrived here, at 3:26 p.m.

Council Member Boe stated he participated in both the 2005 and 2008 events, and supports bringing the event back to the City to encourage the arts organizations such as the museums, Tacoma Reads, and the Film Festival, to help build the momentum for the event. Mayor Strickland raised the concern of obtaining enough funds to hire professional event staff as well as utilizing volunteers. Council Member Campbell discussed the value the 2005 event with downtown merchants, his participation in 2008, and expressed his excitement to see the Tall Ships event return.

Council Consideration Requests

There were no Council consideration requests.

Committee Reports

Council Member Boe stated the ForeverGreen Trails held their trail conference and State of the Trails event, and tonight at the City Council meeting the City will receive an award from ForeverGreen Trails for the 13 Miles of Bikeways Project.

Council Member Campbell stated there is a proclamation at tonight's City Council meeting to proclaim November 2-8, 2014, as Chief Leschi Week and November as Native American Heritage Month.

Council Member Mello reported on the Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board, stating the City of University Place will be before the Board to create the Regional Growth Center. He then reported the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee will be discussing the creation of an environmental master plan, which will include measurements, goals, and progress reports.

Mayor Strickland reported on the Executive Board of the Puget Sound Regional Council, stating that she and the Pierce County Executive sent a letter to the Mayor of University Place regarding the responsibility of becoming a Regional Growth Center, and noted they will need to support measures to improve transit, affordable housing and social services.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk