



Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building, 9th Floor Visibility Center, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

August 20, 2013

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

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

Council Members Absent: 2 – Thoms and Woodards.

Initiative 502 (I-502) Recreational Cannabis State Rule Process Update

City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli stated this is the fifth update on this item. She then provided an update on the draft rules and process for recreational cannabis, stating input on the draft rules was substantive and warranted re-filing of the rules. She noted the new effective date is November 16, 2013. She then briefly reviewed key elements included in the revised proposal, including limiting the amount of total marijuana production, identifying the number and location of retail locations per county, identifying the total amount of product that a licensee may have on hand, and clarifying certain definitions. She concluded by reviewing the tentative schedule for the interim regulations, and noted the next update on this item will be at the September 17, 2013 Committee of the Whole.

Other Items of Interest

City Manager T.C. Broadnax provided an overview of Proposition No. 1. He stated it is intended to authorize the City to levy an additional 2 percent tax on natural gas, electric, and phone company earnings for the sole purpose of funding basic neighborhood street improvements and safety upgrades. He reviewed potential gross earnings tax revenues if passed, the impact on Tacoma Power rates; transparency and financial accountability, and the 2014 General Fund contribution to the Street Fund. Mr. Broadnax stated he recommends the creation of a separate fund for Proposition No. 1 revenues, if passed, for transparency and financial accountability. He then reviewed other Gross Earnings Tax revenues, stating he recommends the City Council commit through ordinance or resolution 2 percent of all other Gross Earnings Tax revenues to be dedicated to street and infrastructure maintenance, engineering services, and safety upgrades. Mr. Broadnax concluded by reviewing the schedule for the Proposition No. 1 community facts and information sessions beginning August 26, 2013, through October 30, 2013. Mayor Strickland requested a document outlining the amount the City spends on streets currently and the sources of revenue, and in 2014 given the new proposed structure and the new sources of

revenue for enhancements.

Other Items of Interest

Mayor Strickland discussed the upcoming Military Parade and the role of Council Members.

Boards and Commissions Reports and Updates

Council Member Mello provided a brief update on the Pierce County Flood Control Advisory Committee. He then stated the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee recently heard a presentation on a residential rain garden incentive program which will be coming forward to the full Council for consideration.

Council Member Walker stated the Neighborhood and Housing Committee is continuing their 10-year review of the Neighborhood Councils. She then provided an update from the Association of Washington Cities' Affordable Housing Advisory Board.

Council Member Lonergan stated Workforce Central is meeting or exceeding their metrics and discussed upcoming job fairs. He then reported on South Sound 9-1-1.

Council Member Boe stated the Neighborhoods and Housing Committee received a presentation on a proposed ordinance regarding preventing neglect of historic properties which will come forward to the full Council for consideration in September.

Assistant City Manager Tansy Hayward provided an update on the Old City Hall building at the Mayor's request.

Deputy Mayor Campbell thanked everyone for their assistance with the annual Crystal Judson Family Justice Center barbeque. He then stated the Safe Streets' annual breakfast is Wednesday, September 18, 2013. He noted a parade will be held in the east side on August 30, 2013, at 10:45 a.m. to kick off the beginning of the new school year. He also reported on a recent conference on behalf of the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health he attended regarding environmental health and new best practices he will share with the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee.

Mayor Strickland stated the National League of Cities will be held in Seattle this year and asked Council Members to register for it. She then stated Sound Transit is celebrating 10 years of the LINK light rail this year and a ceremony will be held this Thursday at Union Station. She also noted she has been invited to attend a U.S. Conference of Mayors event September 11 through 15, 2013 to participate in a panel discussing economic and social justice in Birmingham, Alabama.

Council Member Boe stated Tacoma is in a recent Sunset Magazine article.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

MARILYN STRICKLAND, MAYOR

DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK