



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers
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**April 16, 2024
12:15 PM**

SPECIAL MEETING

Call to Order

Council Member Walker called the study session special meeting to order at 12:19 p.m.

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MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to appoint Council Member Walker to serve as Presiding Officer of the City Council.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 5 - Bushnell, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 4 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines and Mayor Woodards

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Bushnell, Rumbaugh, Scott, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 4 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines and Mayor Woodards

Mayor Woodards arrived at 12:25 p.m.

Council Member Ushka participated virtually.

Other Items of Interest

- 5. [24-0405](#) Letter Submission - Public Comment on Puget Sound Clean Air Agency's Proposed Order No. 12348 - Relating to Darling Ingredients, Inc. [Council Member Diaz]

Council Member Ushka presented a Council Consideration Request for a letter in support of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Proposed Order No. 12348 for Darling Ingredients Inc., noting the permit is to replace

rendering equipment that was previously destroyed in a fire and the Council has long heard from community about air quality concerns related to the rendering plant, making its future operation practices of great interest to our constituents. She concluded by stating the proposed Order requires the facility to establish a complaint response program, including a public complaint phone line; requires periodic inspections for compromises in the integrity of the cooking system and its associated ductwork or in the building envelope; unrepaired compromises may constitute violations; and requires periodic testing for emissions of volatile organic compounds, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, sulfur oxides, and hydrogen sulfide.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation and the opportunity to support and sign onto the letter.

Mayor Woodards arrived here, at 12:25 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [24-0401](#) Crime Plan Quarterly Update
[Avery Moore, Police Chief]

At approximately 12:26 p.m., Avery Moore, Chief, Tacoma Police Department (TPD), provided a brief overview on the Crime Plan quarterly update and introduced Dr. Mike Smith, Professor, University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA). Smith presented project background, noting the three components; hot spot policing strategy; July through December 2023 mid-year analysis plan; violent incidents, noting five-year trend; change by crime type in treatment area versus last year; violent crime change in hot spots, arrests, and calls for service; treatment fidelity; problem-oriented, place-based policing (POPBP); solutions and impact Hosmer Street, noting violent offenses, homeless-involved crime, and calls for service; mid-year 2 summary; next steps, noting location of East 25th Street; and UTSA evaluation.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for developing solutions and community and organization involvement; correlation with the homeless stability site, noting location proximity to Fife and Puyallup; changes in violent crime in the hot spots, including trends in the correct direction; next steps after implementation, noting the goal of phases working simultaneously; and plans to share progress with the entire community.

2. [24-0402](#) Problem-Oriented Place-Based Policing Update
[Gretchen Aguirre, Captain; Jeffrey Katz, Lieutenant, Tacoma Police Department; Matt Janzow, Continuous Improvement Manager, Human Resources]

At approximately 12:59 p.m., Gretchen Aguirre, Captain, TPD, introduced

Matt Janzow, Continuous Improvement Manager, Human Resources, and provided a brief background on POPBP, noting the crime plan and phases; overview; fidelity rate; and crime plan impacts, noting calls for service at Hosmer Street and offense breakdown. Jeffrey Katz, Lieutenant, TPD, continued with partnerships, including Sage Investments, federal law enforcement, City departments, and community organizations. Aguirre and Janzow concluded with POPBP site number two at the East 25th Street corridor, noting the process to get to this site and the correlation and collaboration with various City departments.

Discussion ensued regarding gratitude for the care and dedication; partnerships; location next to the East 25th Street corridor; timeline; and collaboration, noting Pierce Transit.

3. [24-0403](#) Special Investigations Unit Update
[Christopher Karl, Captain, Tacoma Police Department]

At approximately 1:25 p.m., Christopher Karl, Captain, TPD, provided opening remarks on the special investigations unit, noting quarterly statistics; illegal marijuana operation; street racing emphasis; and criminal investigations, noting property crimes initiative and the Hyundai software updating event coordinated by TPD, the Puget Sound Auto Theft Task Force (PSATT), and Hyundai.

Discussion ensued regarding partnership with Hyundai for an event at the Tacoma Dome; counterfeiting and forgery; PSATT, noting process, timeline, and funding; property crimes, noting explanation of issue bulletin; press releases; appreciation for efforts and hard work; description of property crimes, noting weapons and dollar amounts; group oriented, organized, and opportunist crimes; street racing, noting changing street designs to prevent racing; explanation of illegal marijuana plants and growing; determining who is a street racing spectator versus who is in proximity by accident; community involvement; and TPD's hard work, focus, and commitment on keeping the City safe.

The study session recessed at 1:48 p.m.

The study session reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Other Items of Interest

4. [24-0404](#) Council Action Memorandum - 2024 Council Appointments to Various Committees, Boards, and Commissions
[Mayor Woodards]

Mayor Woodards presented a resolution amending the 2024 appointments of the City Council to various committees, boards, and commissions to fill vacancies.

5. [24-1265](#) Letter Submission - Public Comment on Puget Sound Clean Air Agency's Proposed Order No. 12348 - Relating to Darling Ingredients, Inc. [Council Member Diaz]

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

6. [24-0406](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, April 11, 2024 [Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are three ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, proclaiming April 10-17, 2024, as Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Week; proclaiming April 15-19, 2024, as Black Wellness Week; and a Compassionate Tacoma recognition for Tahoma Bird Alliance. She concluded by stating that no changes are expected to tonight's agenda.

Executive Session - Potential Litigation


The executive session was not held.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session special meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Nicole Emery, City Clerk