



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Council Chambers
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May 03, 2022
12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Daniels

Council Member Daniels arrived at 12:05 p.m.

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

Mayor Woodards participated virtually.

Briefing Item

1. [22-0524](#) Historic Preservation Program and Landmarks Preservation Commission Annual Update

At approximately 12:01 p.m., Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, Planning and Development Services (PDS), presented the Historic Preservation Program and Landmarks Preservation Commission annual update, including an overview; background; and Historic Preservation Program objectives, strategies, and programming achievements in 2022.

Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 12:05 p.m.

McKnight continued with review of Historic Preservation Program programming achievements in 2022; and the Landmarks Preservation Commission year in review, noting major projects reviewed.

Susan Johnson, Historic Preservation Coordinator, PDS, reviewed Historic Preservation Month for 2022, noting the theme of “Many Voices, Many Stories”; and upcoming events, noting information available online at hpmonthtacoma.com and cityoftacoma.org/historicpreservation.

McKnight concluded with review of 2022 program initiatives, including

historic surveys, the grant-funded underrepresented communities study, and increased partnership with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

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

Discussion ensued regarding the Tacoma History Museum's South Sound Japanese American Day of Remembrance on Tuesday, May 17, 2022; outreach; the role of the Tacoma Public Library and Northwest Room; making historic preservation part of growth and development rather than an obstacle; recognition of historic places and locations when the buildings are already lost; grant funding; projects; how people can get involved and learn more; and restoring history that was previously erased.

Other Items of Interest

Mayor Woodards stated that she plans to bring forward a statement on tonight's meeting agenda to express the City Council's support for upholding Roe v. Wade, in response to an expected United States Supreme Court decision.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

2. [22-0525](#) City Manager's Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council. April 28, 2022

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated that there are three ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, proclaiming May 2022 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, proclaiming May 2022 as Bike Month, and proclaiming May 2022 as Tacoma Historic Preservation Month; and that a statement expressing the City Council's support for upholding Roe v. Wade is expected to be added to tonight's agenda.

Executive Session - Review the Qualifications of a Public Employee

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved convene to an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) to review the qualifications of a public employee and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation, not to exceed 30 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 12:35 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre was present.

The Executive Session was extended by seven minutes at 1:08 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 1:16 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk