



City Council Study Session Minutes

<http://www.cityoftacoma.org/SSMinutes>

Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16, 733 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

August 20, 2013

Deputy Mayor Campbell called the study session to order at 12:06 p.m.

Council Members Present: 6 – Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, and Walker.

Council Members Absent: 3 – Thoms (arrived at 12:12 p.m.), Woodards, and Mayor Strickland.

Deputy Mayor Campbell announced the first study session topic is the Charter Review process. City Clerk Doris Sorum reviewed the process, including background information, submitting items for review, previous Charter Review Committees, 2004 Charter Propositions, and Charter Review Committee recommendations.

Council Member Thoms arrived here, at 12:12 p.m.

Ms. Sorum then reviewed the Charter Review timeline and provided a list of propositions presented to voters in 1992 and 2004. Discussion ensued regarding the role and responsibility of the City Council, the process to appointment members to the Charter Review Committee, whether the City Council needs to reconsider a recommendation from the 2004 Charter Review Committee that was continued to a date to be determined, methods used to advertise the vacancies to ensure geographic diversity, and the amount of votes necessary to approve Charter Review Committee recommendations.

Deputy Mayor Campbell asked for other items of interest; hearing none, he called upon City Manager T.C. Broadnax for a review of tonight's Council agenda. Mr. Broadnax stated there will be two proclamations, declaring August 22, 2013, as Tacoma Link Day and September 2013, as Alzheimer's Awareness Month. He then stated there may be a motion to continue tonight's appeal hearing to September 24, 2013, at the request of the appellant.

Council Member Lonergan moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation, the session not to exceed 20 minutes. Seconded by Council Member Walker. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Deputy Mayor Campbell stated Council would take a break followed by Executive Session.

The Council convened to Executive Session at 12:30 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli and Deputy City Attorney Doug Mosich were present.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

MARTY CAMPBELL, DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK