



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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**June 20, 2023**

**12:00 PM**

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### Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:02 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Hines

### Briefing Items

1. [23-0655](#) Pierce County Juvenile Court

At approximately 12:03 p.m., Mayor Woodards gave a brief background and introduced TJ Bohl, Administrator, Pierce County Juvenile Court (PCJC). Bohl presented an overview; PCJC vision; total Pierce County population, noting the population of ages 10-17; total referred and charged cases; percentage of overall referrals by race; 2022 top offenses referred to the court; referrals by offense type; felony referrals: violent and non-violent; murder and attempted murder; referrals by felony type; by race; top referrals by residence; Tacoma referrals by neighborhood; average daily population; state commitments; probation and paradigm shift; family council; opportunity based probation; positive youth development; probation, noting evidence based programs, specialized programs, and community based skill building; diversion enhancement; 1-year and 2-year re-offense percentages; and supporting young people in the community.

Discussion ensued regarding survey participants and results; transformation process; Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative; programs for youth, program development and youth engagement; referrals; appreciation; safe youth zones; neighborhood resources and infrastructure; state commitments; data alignment; takes a village mentality; decision on youth getting charged as adults; family member involvement; strategic community meetings; and disparities.

2. [23-0656](#) Home in Tacoma Project Follow - up

This item was addressed later in the meeting.

## Other Items of Interest

3. [23-0657](#) Rental Housing Code

At approximately 12:54 p.m., Mayor Woodards provided a brief background and introduced ChiQuata Elder, Senior Equity Programs Consultant, Office of Equity and Human Rights and Ted Richardson, Strategic Initiatives Program Coordinator, Office of Strategy. Together they presented the five proposed changes including notice of rent increases, shared housing standards, standardized screening criteria, fee and deposit standards, business license requirement, and health and safety compliance.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for the comprehensive changes; stakeholder group engagement; long term versus short term lease, month-to-month leases; proposed amendments and pet deposits; eviction protections and cold weather; maximum rent requirement regulations; exemptions; relocation assistance; pet weight restrictions versus breed specific restrictions; Housing and Urban Development fair market standards; budget impacts; timeline and next steps; and winter moratoriums.

- [23-0656](#) Home in Tacoma Project Follow - up

At approximately 1:40 p.m., Elliott Barnett, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services (PDS), presented the agenda and brief overview. Alyssa Torrez, Senior Planner, PDS, presented Home in Tacoma and Affordable Housing Action Strategy, noting the four objectives; open house events; and themes, noting zoning, affordability, design, amenities, and infrastructure. Barnett continued with City Council and Planning Commissions direction in terms of zoning framework; House Bill 1100 and Home in Tacoma; adjustments to Home in Tacoma initial zoning package; adjustments in terms of standards and bonuses, noting the key state direction; coordination with 2024 amendments and other initiatives; revised project schedule; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding Environmental Impact Statement review and projected schedule; key topics; pieces that need or could be passed at the end of 2023; eagerness to get as much done as possible; Accessory Dwelling Units; parking requirements in downtown; and active open space.

## Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [23-0658](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, June 15, 2023

City Manager Pauli stated there are three ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, one proclamation, proclaiming Tuesday, June 20, 2023, as World Refugee Day; and two Compassionate Tacoma recognitions for Dr. Anthony Chen, and for Stella Keating; and that no changes are expected to tonight's agenda.

## Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk