



**2017 Council Work Session
Summary and Next Steps
Study Session, February 28th, 2017**

The Approach

- Acknowledge City Council priorities & direction for day to day operations as established in the adoption of the 2017-2018 Biennial Budget
- Develop a list of issues to guide City Council's work in 2017
- Create opportunities for collaborative problem solving between staff and City Council related to Policy

Council Retreat

- What keeps you up at night?
- 2016 Accomplishments
- Strategic Foresight
- Identify and Share Emerging Themes

Strategic Foresight/ Trend Exercise



Emerging Issues

Given my concerns and themes from the trend exercise, my next big thing is....

Emerging Issues

Issues	City Council Member	Committee Recommendation
Tacoma is an amenity poor community which impacts confidence in the commercial market.	Thoms	EDC
Tacoma's negative past reputation (perception) is holding us back	Mayor Strickland	EDC
Teamwork and communication needs improvement to ensure better results for the community. **	McCarthy	GPFC
Lack of civility in public process impedes the ability to get diverse perspectives	Walker-Lee	GPFC
Ability to meet core services impacted by limited resources and under managed expenses	Lonergan	GPFC

Emerging Issues

Issues	City Council Member	Committee Recommendation
Health disparities on the East Side of Tacoma	Campbell	CVS
Chronic unemployment/ underemployment among young adults	Ibsen	CVS
Tacoma is the primary governmental entity addressing county-wide homelessness and/ or driving policy and creating solutions	Blocker	CVS
Lack of serious, urgent and aggressive implementation of the Environmental Action Plan**	Mello	IPS

Next Steps

- Council Committee Prompts

Define Problem

- Scope of problem
- Major factors impacting the issue

Current State

- What policies currently impact this issue?
- Are the policies having the intended outcome?
- Major barriers

Communication and Engagement

- Who is currently engaged in addressing the issue?
- Who should be engaged?
- As City Council Members, what can we do to aid communication & engagement?

Policy Boards and Committees

- Is this related to work being done by other organizations?
- Are the City Council appointed committees, boards, and commissions working on this issue?



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