



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

April 18, 2017

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Thoms called the study session to order at 12:09 p.m.

Present: 7 - Blocker, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 2 - Campbell and Mayor Strickland

Council Member Campbell arrived at 12:43 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [17-0394](#) Tacoma Link Project Update

At approximately 12:10 p.m., Kurtis Kingsolver, Public Works Director, provided brief opening remarks and introduced Madeleine Greathouse, Sound Transit. Ms. Greathouse provided an update on the Tacoma Link Project, including funding updates, agreements, project status, final design, station design, operations and maintenance facility design, station naming process, top station names, community outreach, the Sound Transit Art Program and goals, the chosen artist, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding funding sources, federal funding, station naming, and the placement of stations.

2. [17-0395](#) Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

At approximately 12:27 p.m., Mr. Kingsolver provided brief opening remarks and introduced Diane Sheesley and Jennifer Kammerzell, Public Works. Ms. Sheesley provided an update on the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including background information, process, and program revisions. Ms. Kammerzell discussed projects to be added, including East Portland Avenue safety improvements, Hilltop and South Downtown pedestrian improvements, Pearl Street lighting and pedestrian improvements, Safe Routes to School improvements, and school speed zone beacons.

Ms. Sheesley concluded by discussing next steps.

Council Member Campbell arrived here, at 12:43 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding speed humps on arterial streets, school speed zone beacons, the Prairie Line Trail, the Municipal Dock, Citywide striping, 64th Street, Safe Routes to School, and pedestrian safety near the entrance to Interstate 705 on 38th Street.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member McCarthy stated he had recently attended a hiring event held by the Washington Hospitality Association where participants were able to find same day employment in the hospitality industry.

Committee Reports

Council Member Mello stated the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board has recently updated performance measures in preparation for the next round of regional transportation funding.

Council Member Ibsen stated the Joint Municipal Action Committee recently discussed interlocal coordination of land banking and property surplus.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [17-0396](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, April 13, 2017

Elizabeth Pauli, Interim City Manager, stated there are two proclamations on tonight's agenda, proclaiming Tuesday, April 18, 2017 as the Grand Cinema Day, and Saturday, April 22, 2017 as Earth Day. She stated there will be a public hearing relative to the 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan for housing and community development, and there are no expected changes to tonight's agenda.

Executive Session - Pending and Potential Litigation

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending and potential litigation, not to exceed 20 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:10 p.m. Acting City Attorney Bill Fosbre; Deputy City Attorney Paul Goulding, Jean Homan, and Jeff Capell; and Debra Dickerson, Preg O'Donnell and Gillett, were present.

The Executive Session was extended by 15 minutes at 1:30 p.m., 10 minutes at 1:45 p.m., 1:55 p.m., and 2:05 p.m., and 5 minutes at 2:15 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 2:20 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Robert Thoms, Deputy Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk