



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

February 13, 2018

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:11 p.m.

Present: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Council Member McCarthy arrived at 12:20 p.m.

Mayor Woodards stated Item No. 3 regarding the discussion on fulfillment of Council Member Thoms' duties will go first on the agenda.

Briefing Items

3. [18-0143](#) Fulfillment of Council Member Thoms' Duties during Military Leave of Absence Discussion

At approximately 12:12 p.m., Mayor Woodards discussed the fulfillment of Council Member Thoms' duties during his leave of absence for military service, noting Council Members McCarthy and Hunter will help cover District No. 2. Council Member Thoms addressed his leave, noting a meeting held with District No. 2 business districts and neighborhood councils to discuss creating a list of items for tracking, the interest from his district to fill his position while he is gone, and his interest to stay in contact and provide insight and suggestions for items that reside on the list.

Discussion ensued regarding the need and reasons to appoint an individual to the City Council District No. 2 position, including district representation and Standing Committees needing to meet a quorum; and who can vote on the interim appointment. Discussion continued on Council Member Thoms' departure date.

Council Member McCarthy arrived here, at 12:20 p.m.

Discussion concluded on telephonic participation in the month of March, new

Interim Council Member being aware of all issues, values, and projects across District No. 2, learning curve for the Interim Council Member, and clarity on preparedness, timeline, and cost on the process to appoint an Interim Council Member.

1. [18-0138](#) Community Survey Results

At approximately 12:35 p.m., Katie Johnston, Budget Manager, Finance, made opening remarks, thanked staff for their work, and introduced Chris Bandak, Executive Vice-President, Research and Analytics MDB Insights. Mr. Bandak provided the community survey results, including an overview of the project methodology and key findings, comprising of graphs and statistics on overall quality of life and overall satisfaction with municipal services. Mr. Bandak reviewed graphs with a priority matrix on community priorities for improvement, noting range of importance on public safety and enforcement; infrastructure, parks and public works; other municipal services; overall satisfaction; and social issues. He further reviewed results from Tacoma residents on quality of life and community, including top major issues and City's role in addressing them, crime and public safety, government confidence, participation in events and civic life, access to information, and priorities on environment and sustainability. Ms. Johnston concluded on a summary of the key findings.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the term overcrowding, parking enforcement, budget and supplemental support of Tacoma 2025, synthesizing the data, breakdown of survey by districts, crime report rate, and sharing the data with policymakers. Discussion continued on the percentage of margin of error and reliability of the survey, data sources, and the needs of the District Nos. 4 and 5.

2. [18-0139](#) Recommendations for the Proposed Correctional and Detention Facilities Permanent Regulations

At approximately 1:17 p.m., Ian Munce, Management Analyst, Planning and Development Services, made opening remarks and presented the proposed correctional and detention facilities permanent regulations, including an overview, definitions on nonconforming uses and conditional uses, background, proposed regulations, maps of proposed zoning districts and buffer areas, timeline, and next steps. Mr. Munce concluded on three proposed options to decide from.

Discussion ensued regarding the three provided options, clarity on Planning Commission's recommendations, location of correctional facilities, public outreach, inmate capacity, clarification of the 1000-foot radius in the

zones, and input from the correctional facilities. Discussion continued on a breakdown of one of the options, last year's improvement suggestions from the Geo Group, current code on nonconforming uses, residential transition, overlay and modification in zoning districts, anticipation on prohibiting expansion of zoning into multiple districts, tracking of current and future zoning maps, and proposed amendments.

Other Items of Interest

4. [18-0144](#) Council Consideration Request - Support of the Surplus, Sale and Re-Development of Tacoma School's Property Abutting Blueberry Park

Council Member Beale presented a Council Consideration Request requesting a resolution in support of the surplus, sale, and re-development of the Tacoma School District's property holdings as they abut Blueberry Park. Council Member Beale would like to delay the discussion on this item, noting a timing issue, discretionary components in the supportive resolution, change of language, and current policy and practice.

Committee Reports

Council member Ibsen stated there is an annual general assembly for the Pierce County Regional Council this Thursday, February 15, 2018, at Bates Technical College, Central Campus, noting it is a general year review along with a presentation on trends in the County.

Mayor Woodards stated the City Council appointments are listed on the back of the agenda and Standing Committee reports are reported by Committee Chairs, and she encourages sharing information from meetings that are pertinent for everyone to know at this time.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

5. [18-0140](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, February 8, 2018

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated Committee of the Whole is set for February 20, 2018 following study session, and there are no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements, nor are there any expected changes to tonight's agenda. She stated Citizens' Forum is tonight, and in the resolution Council passed Citizens' Forum was inadvertently scheduled for the cancelled March 13, 2018 meeting and will be looking for direction to realign or cancel Citizens' Forum for the month of March with a possible

resolution. Ms. Pauli reminded Council Members if they have any questions on tonight's agenda, please let her know so staff can be prepared to respond. Staff will be working on getting the Council a consolidated list of the desired amendments on the correctional and detention facilities permanent regulations.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk