



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

June 04, 2019

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor McCarthy called the study session to order at 12:07 p.m.

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

Briefing Items

1. [19-0587](#) Joint Base Lewis McChord Airport Compatibility Overlay District

At approximately 12:07 p.m., Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, Planning and Development Services (PDS), provided opening remarks and introduced Larry Harala, Senior Planner, PDS. Mr. Boudet presented on the Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) Airport Compatibility Overlay District (ACOD), including an overview of the proposal and prior actions. Mr. Harala reviewed maps of the proposed JBLM ACOD location and land use compatibility; background and intent; risk levels, including infrequent and high consequence accidents; background and intent of the City's proposal and public input process; proposed code revisions; nonconforming uses; and a summary of the proposal and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the ACOD location, how the overlay area was determined, air traffic corridors, past policies and designations, existing uses and compatibility issues, monitoring impacts after an overlay is put in place, possible impacts on insurance rates and property values, input from the Tacoma School Board and Tacoma School District, timing of the proposal, existing properties and land use, coordination with JBLM, and outreach and communication to commercial property owners.

2. [19-0588](#) Prioritizing New Streetlights with an Equity Lens

At approximately 12:51 p.m., Kurtis Kingsolver, Director, Public Works (PW), provided opening remarks and introduced Leigh Starr, Assistant Division Manager, PW, and Alison Beason, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Equity and Human Rights. Mr. Starr presented on prioritizing new streetlights with an equity lens, including an overview; background and funding; existing infrastructure; ‘low hanging fruit’ segments adjacent to existing utility poles; prioritization related to accidents, school safety, and crime activity; Equity Index values; percent of population calculations; application of the Equity Index; comparing data sets by raw score and equitable distribution; design and continuity of segments; and ranked, equitable, and scalable results. Ms. Beason reviewed the mathematical application of equity data for equitable distribution of resources to low opportunity areas.

Discussion ensued regarding outreach to residents about street light locations, light pollution, methodology, practical applications of Equity Index data, comparisons and collaborations with other agencies, project design and approach, systematic decision, relationship to the Streets Initiative and Safe Routes to School, key indicators related to public safety, air quality monitoring, and next steps.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Ushka stated she and Council Member Ibsen are working on a draft resolution supporting access to reproductive healthcare services, including abortion.

Council Member Blocker stated he and Deputy City Attorney Steve Victor have been reviewing Washington State Initiative No. 1000 related to affirmative action.

Council Member Ushka stated the Eastside Farmer’s Market begins today at 3:00 p.m.

Committee Reports

Council Member Mello stated the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency is continuing work on a draft rule for a clean fuels standard for possible adoption in late 2019.

Council Member Mello further stated the Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board is finalizing updates to the Vision 2050

plan.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [19-0589](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, May 30, 2019

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated tonight's meeting agenda includes two proclamations, proclaiming Friday, June 7, 2019 as Gun Violence Awareness Day, and June 12-13, 2019 as Tacoma Garden Club Days. She further stated there are no expected changes to tonight's agenda.

Executive Session - Potential Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to convene to Executive Session, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:42 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre and Deputy City Attorney Steve Victor were present.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:57 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk