

WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

July 25, 2019

Members of the City Council City of Tacoma, Washington

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Police Chief Don Ramsdell provides the attached **2019 Fireworks After Action Report**. Police's plan this year was a coordinated effort of education and enforcement with Tacoma Fire, Puyallup Tribal Police and South Sound 911 from June 28th through July 7th. Police will continue to evaluate the Fireworks Enforcement Strategy/Plan and related outcomes for next year's Fireworks Enforcement Initiative.

STUDY SESSION/WORK SESSION

2. The City Council Study Session of Tuesday, July 30, 2019, will be held in Room 16 of the Tacoma Municipal Building North, at Noon. Discussion items will include: (1) Disparity Study, Priority Hire and Initiative-1000 Update; (2) Affordable Housing Action Strategy Plan; (3) Other Items of Interest; (4) Committee Reports; and, (5) Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report.

At Tuesday's Study Session, the City Council will receive a presentation on City staff's review and recommendations related to the City's disparity study findings, the advisory committee recommendations and priority hiring, and the impacts of I-1000 on City Public Works projects.

As our second topic at Tuesday's Study Session, staff will provide a quarterly update on implementation of the Affordable Housing Action Strategy (AHAS) and actions taken by each of the 12 tactical action teams. Council will also be provided information in preparation for deeper discussions at upcoming Committee of Whole meetings on the Multi-family Property Tax Exemption, Affordable Housing Trust Fund and other actions.

3. The updated **Tentative City Council Forecast** and **Consolidated Standing Committee Calendars** are attached for your information.

COUNCIL AGENDA

- 4. On Tuesday's Council Agenda is **Resolution No. 40382 to accept 13 grants** from the Washington State Department of Transportation, Puget Sound Regional Council, the Highway Safety Improvement Program, and Washington Traffic Safety Commission, in the total amount of \$9,248,997. Public Works provides the attached summary of the projects and the Council Districts they are in. The projects include rehabilitating roadways, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, trails, bikeways, and pedestrian railroad crossings.
- 5. Also on the Council agenda is **Resolution No. 40388 and Ordinance 28599** related to **Washington State Substitute House Bill 1406**. As you will recall from the June 25th Study Session presentation, in order for the City to participate in the retail tax and use tax revenue sharing program for affordable and supportive housing, a resolution must be adopted expressing the City's intent to authorize the maximum capacity of the tax and an ordinance approved to declare an emergency and amend Tacoma Municipal Code 6A.70 to authorize the tax beginning September 1, 2019.

This program provides up to 0.0146% in local sales and use tax credited against the state sales tax for housing investments and does not increase the sales tax for the consumer. The tax revenue sharing will be in place for up to 20 years and can be used for acquiring, rehabilitating or constructing affordable housing; operations and maintenance of new affordable or supportive housing facilities; and, for smaller cities, rental assistance. The funding must be spent on projects that serve persons whose income is at or below sixty percent of the area median.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 6. You have been invited to the following events:
 - Tacoma Maritime Fest on Saturday, July 27th through Sunday, July 28th, at 705 Dock Street.
 - 36th Annual National Night out Against Crime in Tacoma-Pierce
 County on Tuesday, August 6th, in various neighborhoods throughout
 the City (list of registered events through Safe Streets will be provided in
 the next weekly report).

- Bridge Renaming Ceremony Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge on Friday, August 9th, 10:00 a.m. The bridge is located at Puyallup and Portland Avenues. Attendees are asked to park in Tacoma Dome Lot G, located at 779 Wiley Avenue, and take the shuttle to the bridge.
- Tacoma Historical Society's 2019 Destiny Dinner on Saturday, September 14th, at the University of Puget Sound's Memorial Fieldhouse, located at 1500 North Warner. Social hour is at 5:00 p.m., followed by the dinner and program at 6:00 p.m.
- Forterra's South Sound Luncheon on Thursday, September 19th,
 Noon, at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center, located at 1500
 Commerce Street.
- Greater Tacoma Peace Prize 2019 Laureate Recognition Banquet for Mr. Wille C. Stewart, Sr. on Friday, September 20th, 5:30 p.m., at Chris Kuntzen Hall at Pacific Lutheran University, located at 12180 Park Avenue South.

Sincerely,

Tadd G. Wille

Acting City Manager

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City of Tacoma Police Department

Memorandum

TO:

Elizabeth Pauli

City Manager

FROM:

Donald L. Ramsdell

Chief of Police

DATE:

July 24, 2019

SUBJECT: 2019 FIREWORKS AFTER ACTION REPORT

The Tacoma Police Fireworks Plan was a coordinated effort of education and enforcement between Tacoma Police, Tacoma Fire, Puyallup Tribal Police and South Sound 911. The fireworks specific emphasis patrols, enforcement and educational measures occurred **Friday**, **June 28**, **through Sunday**, **July 7**, **2019**.

EDUCATION:

- Distributed fliers to the citizens of Tacoma through Community Meetings and Safe Streets venues.
- Fireworks ban information was posted on the TPD social media page.

ENFORCEMENT:

- The emphasis this year was to enforce all fireworks and related laws.
- Fireworks Safety Awareness Letters were distributed to residents where fireworks violations appeared to
 have occurred. These letters addressed the laws prohibiting fireworks as well as fireworks safety issues. The
 addresses were then documented as an educational/safety concern contact.

INCIDENTS

There were no significant fires or incidents related to fireworks during the emphasis period.

FIREWORKS STATISTICS AND DATA COMPARISON

	2019	2018	2017	2016
Notices of Infraction	5	12	9	4
Fireworks Safety Awareness Letters	58	65	91 (1st year)	
Fireworks Calls For Service	650	575	635	604
Fireworks Seized	20 lbs.	85 lbs.	20 lbs.	20 lbs.

includes duplicates and cancelled calls

SUMMARY:

- Due to call responder staffing needs not all the emphasis missions were able to be fully staffed.
- On the 4th of July, fireworks emphasis officers assisted Patrol in responding to an excess of emergency calls for service and staffing the Ruston Way fireworks event.

TPD will continue to evaluate the Fireworks Enforcement Strategy/Plan and related outcomes for the purpose of making recommendations for next year's Fireworks Enforcement Initiative.

To create a safe and secure environment in which to live, work, and visit by working together with the community, enforcing the law in a fair and impartial manner, preserving the peace and order in our neighborhoods, and safeguarding our constitutional guarantees.

Date	Meeting			
		Subject	Department	Background
July 30, 2019	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Disparity Study, Priority Hire and I-1000 Update	CMO/CAO/CED	Presentation on City staff's review and recommendations related to the City's disparity study findings, the advisory committee recommendations and priority hiring, and the impacts of I-1000 on City Public Works projects.
		Affordable Housing Action Strategy Plan	CED	Quarterly update on implementation of the Affordable Housing Action Strategy (AHAS) and actions taken by each of the 12 tactical action teams. Council will also be provided information preparation for deeper discussions at upcoming Committee of Whole meetings on the MFTE, Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and other action
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			(

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August 6, 2019	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Quarterly Tacoma Police Department Hiring Update	TPD	TPD will present quarterly update related to hires and separations and the efforts to diversify the department.
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
August 13, 2019	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Recycling Recommendations	ESD	Solid Waste Mgt will provide additional information and revised recommendations related to commingled recycling.
		Comprehensive Plan 2019 Amendment	PDS	PDS staff will share the Planning Commission's recommendations prior to the Public Hearing on August 20th.
	Special Committee of the Whole Meeting (TMBN 16, 3:00)	Multifamily Tax Exemption	CED/CMO	
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
August 20, 2019	Joint Council/Public Utility Board Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	City's Classification and Compensation Study Update	HR	
		2019 Legislative Session Recap	TPU/GRO	
	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Second Quarter Financial Report	ОМВ	
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
August 27, 2019	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Comprehensive Plan 2019 Amendment	PDS	PDS staff will present the public testimony from the Council's Public Hearing on August 20th.
		City Council Actions, Regulatory Policies, and Repair and Replacement Strategy	ОМВ	Current City Council actions that direct organizational action, policies from higher levels or government, and a presentation of a funding strategy for a repair and replacement program.
	Special Committee of the Whole Meeting (TMBN 16, 3:00)	Affordable Housing Trust Fund	CMO/CED	
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			

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September 3, 2019	CANCELLED			
September 10, 2019	City Council City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Tacoma Creates Update	TVE	
	Special Committee of the Whole Meeting (TMBN 16, 3:00)	Legislative Agenda Workshop	CMO/GRO	
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
September 17, 2019	City Council Study Session (TMB Council Chambers, Noon)	Cushman Substation Update	PDS	Presentation on the planning effort for the Cushman Substation.
		Level of Service Case Studies	ОМВ	An in-depth look at an important best practice when considering facility investments.
	Special Committee of the Whole Meeting (TMBN 16, 3:00)	Inclusionary Zoning	PDS/CED/CMO	
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
September 24, 2019	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Tacoma Housing Authority Update	ТНА	
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			

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October 1, 2019	City Council Study Session (TMB Council Chambers, Noon)	Tacoma Permit Advisory Task Force Update	DM McCarthy & TPATF	
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
October 8, 2019	City Council Study Session (TMB Council Chambers, Noon)			
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
October 15, 2019	City Council Study Session (TMB Council Chambers, Noon)			
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
October 22, 2019	Joint Council/Public Utility Board Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)			
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
October 29, 2019	City Council Study Session (TMB Council Chambers, Noon)	Department of Ecology's Tacoma Smelter Plume Update	WSDOE/PDS	WA Department of Ecology will be providing an update on the Tacoma Smelter Plume to include progress of soil samplings, yard cleanups and outreach efforts with TPC Health Dept.
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			

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Alternate-Hunter	nittee Members: Blocker (Chair), Beale, Thoms, Ushka, nate-Hunter 4:30 p.m. utive Liaison: Linda Stewart; Staff Support - Bucoda Warren Room 248		CBC Assignments: • Citizen Police Advisory Committee • Human Services Commission • Human Rights Commission • Housing Authority • Commission on Disabilities • Library Board • Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority
	Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Interviews	Doris Sorum, City Clerk	3 vacancies
	Rental Housing Code update (Informational)	ChiQuata Elder, Office of Equity and Human Rights	Periodic review regarding the impact of the Rental Housing Code so that changes can be made to protect borth the rental market or tenant's rights if so warranted.
	Public Safety: Street Crime and Opioid Response (Informational)		
Future			
August 22, 2019	State of the Black Community (Informational)	Diane Powers, Director, Office of Equity and Human Rights	A presentation highlighting disparities in health care, education, wealth, housing, and incarceration rates.
	Low birthweight and health equity (Informational)	OEHR	
	Parks Code Amendments (Request for Ordinance)	Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager, City Manager's Office	Tacoma Police Department and Metro Parks Staff will be presenting recommendations for changes to the municipal code regarding park spaces to better improve safety for users.
September 12, 2019	Project Peace	OEHR and TPD	
		Allyson Griffith, NET Manager and Bucoda Warren, Senior Management Fellow	NCS will provide an update on the proposed changes to the NC program and be asking for a recommendation to proceed with an ordinance adopting changes.
	Closed Captioning Resolution and Education Campaign Update (Request for Ordinance) [TENTATIVE]	Lucas Smiraldo, Policy Analyst II, Office of Equity and Human Rights; Todd Holloway, Chair, Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities	The Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities (TACOD) is requesting support from the Community, Vitality and Safety Committee to recommend a resolution that will promote the practice of using closed captioning on televisions in establishments frequented by people in Tacoma including pubs, restaurants, bars, waiting rooms and other shared public spaces. This is an update to the conversation on July 11.
	Neighborhood and Community Services Community Mobilization Contracts (Informational) [TENTATIVE]	Allyson Griffith, Neighborhood and Community Services Department	Information update on the status of community mobilization efforts funded by Neighborhood and Community Services contracts.

	Economic Development Committee	e
Committee Members: Thoms (Chair), Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka Alternate-Beale Executive Liaison: Tadd Wille; Staff Support - Lynda Foster	2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuoodayo 10:00 a.m. Room 248	CRC Accignments: -Tacoma Arts Commission - Creater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities Distric •Foss Waterway •City Events and Recognition Committee
July 30, 2019 Cancelled		
Future		
August 13, 2019 FWDA interviews	Clerk's Office	2 vacancies
August 27, 2019		

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rnate-Thoms		1st and 3rd Tuesday 10 a.m. Room 248	CBC Assignments: •Public Utility Board •Board of Ethics •Aud Advisory Board •Civil Service Board
August 6, 2019	City-Wide Cultural Improvements	Lisa Woods, Assistant to the City Manager	HR will update the Committee on the various initiatives currently underway to help the city improve its organizational culture
	Tacoma Power Low-Income Conservation Program	Steve Bicker, Assistant Power Section Manager / Customer Energy Programs and Jeremy Stewart, Power Analyst	Tacoma Power will go over its low-income conservation programmend recommendations for increasing the utilization of the program.
	Low-income Program Update	TPU: Francine Artis, Assistant Customer Service Manager	
Future			
August 20, 2019	Tacoma Power Long Range Financial Plan	Bill Berry, Rates, Planning & Analysis manager, Tacoma Power	Information briefing on an update to Tacoma Power's long rang financial plans
	Wholesale pricing and policy revisions	Sean Senescall, Manager of Tacoma Water Finance & Analytics, Lyna Vo, Water Analyst	Information briefing on an update to Tacoma Water's wholesale pricing
	Govt. Relations	Clark Mather, TPU Government Relations and Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager	
September 3, 2019	Cancelled (Holiday)		

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lternate-Hunter xecutive Liaison: Kurtis K		1st and 3rd Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. Room 248	CBC Assignments: •Sustainable Tacoma Commission •Planning Commission •Landmarks Preservation Commission •Board of Building Appeals •Transportation Commission
August 7, 2019	Board of Building Appeals Interviews	Doris Sorum, City Clerk	3 vacancies
	Transportation Commission Interviews	Doris Sorum, City Clerk	2 vacancies
	Name Policy Discussion	Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, Planning and Development Services	At the August 7 meeting, staff will present an overview of the current City Council Policy on Place Names and Name Change established in 2011 by Resolution 38091, and recommendation for amendments to the Policy in response to a Council Consideration Request passed on July 23, 2019. The recommendations will focus incorporating the concepts of equit inclusion and reconciliation, simplifying the review process and adding flexibility to the criteria and process to better align with Council priorities.
	Saltmarsh Park Renaming	Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, Planning and Development Services	On August 7, staff will present the Landmarks Preservation Commission's recommendation to rename the Rhone Poulenc salt marsh, at 1747 Port of Tacoma Road, to qwiqwelut, per the Commission's review per the Council Policy on Place Names and Name Changes.
Future			
August 21, 2019	Planning Commission Interviews	Doris Sorum, City Clerk	1 vacancy
	Urban Forestry Management Plan	Mike Carey, Urban Forest Program Manager, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability	Update on progress and work plan for the urban forestry program.
	Planning Commission Annual Report and Work Program	Brian Boudet, Division Manager, Planning and Development Services	Discussion of the Planning Commission's upcoming work plan and annual report.
	Scooter and Bike Share Franchise Agreement	Jennifer Kammerzell, Principal Engineer, Public Works	A discussion of the scooter and bike share pilot program and next steps.

Public Works 2018-2019 Grant Awards

Project	Grant	Background Information/General Discussion	Council District
Tacoma: Improving Bike & Pedestrian Safety Around Schools	Washington Traffic Safety Commission \$60,000	This grant provides funding for additional enforcement before and after school, school-based programs to encourage walking and bicycling, a walking audit to identify barriers for safe access, and the development of curriculum to promote safe walking and bicycling. A City match is not required.	Citywide
Portland Avenue Freight and Access Improvements	PSRC Countywide Program \$370,430	This grant provides design funding for replacement of asphalt with concrete from Lincoln Avenue to E 25 th Street, roadway re-channelization from E 25 th to E 27 th Streets to tie-in to the Portland Avenue interchange portion of WSDOT's I-5 HOV project, addition of a new traffic signal at the SR-509 off ramp, and upgrades to three existing signals to interconnect all four traffic signals. The project will also add missing link sidewalk, ADA curb ramps, and a mid-block crossing. A City match of \$65,370 is required and funded via the Streets Initiative Fund.	Council District 2
Puyallup Ave Transit/Complete Street Improvements	PSRC Countywide Program \$2,100,000	This grant provides design funding for Puyallup Avenue from Portland Avenue to S "C" Street. The project scope includes a complete reconstruction of the roadway with concrete pavement, complete street elements including bike lanes, sidewalks/curb ramps, bulbouts, crosswalks, signals/accessible pedestrian signals (APS) and other ITS elements, lighting, landscaping, bus stops, parking, and upgraded utilities. A City match of \$400,000 is required and funded via the Streets Initiative Fund.	Council District 2
South I Street Overlay	PSRC Countywide Program \$750,000	This grant provides funding for an asphalt overlay on S "I" Street at the intersection of 6 th Avenue. The overlay will extend in each of the 4 directions of the intersection for about one block. The project will also include ADA ramp upgrades as needed and bike lanes on the 6 th Avenue leg. A City match of \$251,000 is required and funded via the Streets Initiative Fund.	Council District 2 Council District 3

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Project	Grant	Background Information/General Discussion	Council District
Cultural Shift to Active Transportation	PSRC Countywide Program \$425,000	This grant provides funding for a multi-agency project focused on transportation demand management programs that will educate and influence people's travel behavior between home, work, services, and recreation trips	Citywide
		A City match of \$52,500 is required and funded via the Streets Initiative Fund.	
Mary Lyon Elementary School Safe Routes to School	WSDOT Safe Routes to Schools \$296,174	This grant provides funding for school safety improvements including installation of ADA compliant curb ramps and APS at S 46 th Street and Pacific Avenue and curb ramps at S 46 th and Bell Streets and S 45 th and A Streets. An education and encouragement program will also be completed.	Council District 4
		A City match of \$52,266 is required and funded via the Streets Initiative Fund.	
South 19th and Clay Huntington	WSDOT 2019-21 Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Program \$613,193	This grant will provide funding to install a full traffic signal, APS, ADA compliant curb ramps and sidewalk, and signage/pavement markings at the intersection. A City match of \$108,210 is required and funded via the Streets Initiative Fund.	Council District 3
6th Avenue Pedestrian	WSDOT FFY 2018	This grant provides funding to upgrade existing traffic signal heads and phasing, and	Council District 1
Crossing Safety Improvements	City Safety Selections \$2,613,100	improve timing along 6 th Avenue between S Jackson and S Sprague Avenues. The project will also install APS, ADA crossing improvements, median island, and pedestrian actuated rectangular rapid flashing beacons.	Council District 2 Council District 3
		A City match of \$401,500 is required and funded via the Streets Initiative Fund.	
S Yakima Avenue Traffic Signal Operations and Visibility Improvements	WSDOT FFY 2018 City Safety Selections \$1,010,400	This grant provides funding to upgrade existing traffic signal heads and phasing and improve timing along S Yakima Avenue between S 72 nd and 96 th Streets. The project will also install APS and ADA crossing improvements as needed. A City match of \$112,300 is required and funded via the Streets Initiative Fund.	Council District 5

Public Works 2018-2019 Grant Awards

Project	Grant	Background Information/General Discussion	Council District
Pedestrian and Bicycle Counts and Facility Inventories	WSDOT FFY 2018 City Safety Selections	This grant provides funding to conduct pedestrian and bicycle counts and inventory infrastructure/facilities to determine future safety needs.	Citywide
	\$210,600	A City match of \$23,400 is required and funded via the Streets Initiative Fund.	
Pedestrian Crosswalk Improvements at S 19th	WSDOT FFY 2018 City Safety	This grant provides funding to install a pedestrian hybrid beacon (HAWK system) at the intersection of S 19 th Street and Fawcett Avenue.	Council District 2
Street and Fawcett	Selections		
Avenue Intersection	\$213,300	A City match of \$23,700 is required and funded via the Streets Initiative Fund.	
McKinley Avenue	WSDOT FFY 2018	This grant provides funding to improve the visibility of pedestrian crosswalks on	Council District 4
Crosswalk Improvements at E 36th Street and E 37th Street	City Safety Selections \$153,000	McKinley Avenue at E 37 th and E 36 th Streets. The project will include lighting upgrades, curb bulbouts with ADA compliant ramps, and high visibility crosswalk markings.	
		A City match of \$17,000 is required and funded via the Streets Initiative Fund.	
S 19th Street Signal &	WSDOT FFY 2018	This grant will provide funding to improve traffic signal phasing and the visibility of	Council District 2
Crosswalk Improvements	City Safety	pedestrian crosswalks at S 19 th Street and Yakima Avenue and S 19 th Street &	Council District 3
S Yakima Avenue to	Selections	Tacoma Avenue. Protected left turn signal phasing will be added at these	
Tacoma Ave S	\$433,800	intersections along with high visibility crosswalk markings.	
		A City match of \$48,200 is required and funded via the Streets Initiative Fund.	