



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

Telephonic

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August 04, 2020

12:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [20-0485](#) Sound Transit - Tacoma Dome and Hilltop Link Extensions Update

At approximately 12:12 p.m., Andrew Austin, Government and Community Relations Manager, Sound Transit (ST), introduced Madeleine Greathouse, Project Director, and Curvie Hawkins, Project Development Director, ST. Together, they presented the Hilltop Tacoma Link Expansion (HTLE) update, including project status; work in progress, noting Stadium Way, Stadium District, and Hilltop; community outreach; the Loyal to the Local program; the Tacoma Dome Link Extension project; Portland Avenue Station overview; Tacoma Dome Station overview; the Close to Sounder Station option; upcoming fall outreach; realigning expansion plans; revenue sources; and the realignment process timeline.

Discussion ensued regarding location of the tail track, funding for pedestrian and bike bridges, activity allowed underneath the elevated stations, outreach to businesses, vendors, and the businesses in and around Freighthouse Square.

2. [20-0486](#) Tideflats Subarea Plan and Interim Regulations

At approximately 1:06 p.m., Steve Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services, presented the Tideflats Subarea Plan and Interim Regulations, including an overview; the consultant team; work plan refresher; the Public Engagement Plan, noting the introduction, planning framework, the Tideflats Subarea Plan, community engagement toolbox,

potential adaptive engagement for social distancing, the decision making process, and accountability and evaluation; appendices; next steps; and an outline of the Tideflats Interim Regulations.

Discussion ensued regarding public outreach materials in multiple languages, community input and the design process, the status of interim regulations versus developing permanent regulations, budget areas affected by COVID-19, next steps for developing permanent regulations, the energy industry in the City, transportation logistics for resources in the Port of Tacoma, environmental issues, and the need for expert opinions to make decisions.

3. [20-0487](#) Transportation Improvement Plan

At approximately 2:02 p.m., Jennifer Kammerzell, Principal Planner, Public Works, presented the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including an overview; background; projects to be removed and added; the East 11th Street Bridge demolition over the Puyallup River; the I-5 South 56th Street Interchange; the I-5 Active Transportation Crossing Program; Vision Zero implementation; 2020 grants status; the health, equity, and sustainability analysis; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance for other ramp crossings and replacement of the Puyallup River Bridge.

4. [20-0490](#) Systems Transformation Update

At approximately 2:36 p.m., City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented the systems transformation update, including new items for this meeting, noting the anti-racist budget development, transforming existing programs, the current state of Tacoma Police Department (TPD) systems, TPD administrative changes, and administrative items; the systems transformation update table; the next steps timeline; and the draft transformation timeline.

Discussion ensued regarding community engagement in the budget process, the budget survey results, types of calls TPD receives, and the budget website.

Other Items of Interest

Deputy Mayor Blocker stated that he is drafting a letter to send to the Tacoma Public School Board in support of the name change of Jason Lee Middle School and Wilson High School and requesting signatures in support.

Discussion ensued regarding selecting new names, history education, supporting the School Board in the process, naming facilities after people who are still alive, considering the names of other buildings throughout the City, and clarification on who is responsible for the process.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to have the City Council send the letter to Tacoma Public School Board to advocate for name changes for Jason Lee Middle School and Wilson High School.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

5. [20-0488](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, July 30, 2020

City Manager Pauli stated that there are no ceremonials on tonight's agenda and no anticipated changes.

Mayor Woodards reminded the Council that next Tuesday is Community Forum.

Executive Session - Potential Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.39.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 3:10 p.m.
City Attorney Bill Fosbre and Chief Deputy City Attorneys Chris Bacha and Tom Morrill were present.

The Executive Session was extended by 15 minutes at 3:26 p.m.

The Executive Session ended and the study session reconvened at 3:50 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk

Closed Session - Labor Strategy

The Closed Session was conducted after the adjournment of the study session.