City of Tacoma
City Council Study Session Minutes

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Council Chambers
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August 12, 2025
12:00 PM

Call to Order

Council Member Hines called the study session to order at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott and Walker
Absent: 3 - Daniels, Sadalge and Mayor Woodards

Deputy Mayor Daniels arrived at 12:43 p.m.

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MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to appoint Council Member Hines to serve as Presiding Officer of the City Council for this meeting while the Mayor attends the meeting virtually, and until the Deputy Mayor arrives.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Bushnell.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.
Ayes: 6 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott and Walker
Absent: 3 - Daniels, Sadalge and Mayor Woodards

Briefing Items

1. 25-0726 South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Code Update Public Hearing Preparation
[Maryam Moeinian and Stephen Atkinson, Senior Planners, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 12:02 p.m., Maryam Moeinian, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services (PDS); introduced Dana de Leon, Assistant Division Manager, Environmental Services; Glen George, Principal Engineer, Tacoma Water; Esther Beaumier, Program Manager,

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD); and Erin Dilworth, Healthy Community Planner, TPCHD; and provided opening remarks regarding the upcoming public hearing on the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD) code, including overview. George presented the STGPD background, including purpose, key regulations, and lead agencies; and Tacoma Water Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), noting findings and IRP Public Advisory Committee. Moeinian continued with the TPCHD Health Impact Assessment (HIA), including HIA Advisory Group; code changes; map refinements; and high impact use standards, noting current status and recommendation. de Leon concluded with the stormwater infiltration, impervious surface standards, Planning Commission (PC) recommendations, outreach and engagement, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation; PC recommendations, including use of best available science proposed code changes, and date of passage; metal recycling and environmental impacts; underground storage tanks, including environmental cleanup funds, noting Brownsfields; non-conforming uses within one-year time of travel (TOT) Zones, including new standards and other organizational regulations, noting stormwater source group and TPCHD inspections; impervious surface standards, including Tacoma Mall Regional Growth Center and potential open green spaces; Critical Areas Preservation Ordinance impacts on permitting, including tracking compliance and enforcement; and establishment of Wellhead Protection Area TOT Zones, noting parcel size and shape.

Deputy Mayor Daniels arrived here, at 12:43 p.m.

2. **25-0725** Tideflats Subarea Plan - Planning Commission's Findings of Fact and Recommendations
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 12:44 p.m., Council Member Walker provided opening remarks on the Tideflats Subarea Plan and appreciation for the multi-jurisdictional collaboration. Brian Boudet, Assistant Director, PDS; introduced Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, PDS; and Erin Dilworth, Healthy Community Planner, and Chantell Harmon Reed, Executive Director, TPCHD; and provided an overview, including purpose. Atkinson presented background on the Tideflats Subarea, including shared planning and planning process; Steering Committee recommendation; PC review; public notice and engagement; public comment themes; PC conclusions; proposed plan amendments; and proposed Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) amendments. Together, Harmon Reed and Dilworth continued with the Tideflats Subarea Plan HIA, including what it does and does not; current health conditions; efforts to support and prioritize, noting action items and transportation projects; land use considerations; and recommended protections. Atkinson

concluded with public review package, and tentative schedule.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for staff and multi-jurisdictional collaboration; public comment themes, including tree canopy and the Port of Tacoma's desire to develop their own forestry plans; clean fuel production and permitting; protections that are already established; HIA full report, including public health criteria; and timeline.

Other Items of Interest

3. 25-0728 Council Consideration Request - A Proposed Ordinance to Align all Committee, Board and Youth Commission Seats into an "Emerging Leader" seat.
[Council Member Rumbaugh]

Council Member Rumbaugh presented a Council Consideration Request for an ordinance to align all committee, board, and commission (CBC) youth positions by renaming "Youth" to "Emerging Leader", aligning recruitment of Emerging Leader positions to the regular recruitment timeline for each CBC, using standard appointment process of one-year terms, and setting 16–24 age range. She concluded by stating the proposed first reading date is the September 30, 2025, Council meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding fiscal impact; value of an Emerging Leader cohort; code changes, noting resident requirement impacts; and background on the name and age range change.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. 25-0729 Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, August 7, 2025
[Hyun Kim, Interim City Manager]

Interim City Manager Hyun Kim stated there are no ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, no changes are expected, and tonight's meeting includes a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the STGPD Code, and community forum.

Executive Session - Pending Litigation

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to convene to executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(i) and (ii) to discuss pending litigation, not to exceed 30 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott and Walker
Absent: 2 - Sadalge and Mayor Woodards

The City Council convened to executive session at 2:06 p.m.
City Attorney Chris Bacha was present.

The executive session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 2:37 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Nicole Emery, City Clerk