



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

**October 04, 2016**

**12:00 PM**

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### Change of Location - City Council Chambers

### Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:04 p.m.

**Present:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello,  
Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

Council Member Thoms arrived at 12:06 p.m.

### Briefing Items

1. [16-0936](#) 2017-2018 Proposed Biennial Budget Presentation

At approximately 12:05 p.m., T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, provided background information relative to the biennial budget process.

Council Member Thoms arrived here, at 12:06 p.m.

City Manager Broadnax continued his presentation and provided an overview of the 2017-2018 budget development process, including 2017-2018 City Council priorities, General Fund forecast, 2017-2018 community feedback, and budget development strategy. He discussed the proposed budget financial overview, including the citywide budget, General Fund revenues and expenditures, the forecasted General Fund gaps, one-time expenditures and capital funding, 2017-2018 one-time expenditures and ongoing enhancements, and reserves.

He reviewed the 2017-2018 proposed budget highlights, including public safety, infrastructure, community services, economic development, deferred maintenance, efficient government, environmental sustainability, equity in the budget process, rates and fee updates, open space, major changes to the budget, other changes, unfunded items, budget summary, and a calendar of events.

Discussion ensued regarding the previously projected budget deficit, concerns heard from citizens, equity principles, public safety budget recommendations, proposed departmental budgets, the mental health sales tax, homelessness, safe routes to schools, transfer of jail services between budgets, library services, support for the proposed budget, the budget webpage, and the exterior of the Tacoma Dome.

## **Other Items of Interest**

There were no other items of interest.

## **Committee Reports**

Deputy Mayor Mello stated that the Association of Washington Cities has recently starting working on their legislative agenda.

## **Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report**

2. [16-0938](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, September 29, 2016

City Manager Broadnax stated there are no proclamations, recognitions, changes or announcements on tonight's agenda.

## **Executive Session - Pending & Potential Litigation and Real Estate Negotiations**

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Mello moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) to discuss pending and potential litigation, and real estate negotiations, not to exceed 45 minutes.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Woodards.

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonerger, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:30 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli, Chief Deputy City Attorney Bill Fosbre, and Paul Lawrence, Pacifica Law Group, were present.

The Executive Session was extended by 15 minutes at 2:15 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 2:45p.m., and by 10 minutes at 3:00 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 3:10 p.m.

## Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Doris Sorum', written over a horizontal line.

Doris Sorum, City Clerk