



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

April 11, 2017

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Thoms called the study session to order at 12:08 p.m.

Present: 6 - Blocker, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 3 - Campbell, Mello and Mayor Strickland

Council Member Mello arrived at 12:10 p.m., and Council Member Campbell arrived at 12:29 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [17-0364](#) Opioid Epidemic

At approximately 12:09 p.m., Anthony Chen, MD, MPH, Director of Health, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, provided information on the opioid epidemic in Pierce County, including why we should care, and opioid facts.

Council Member Mello arrived here, at 12:10 p.m.

Dr. Chen continued his presentation by discussing opioid death rates by county, opioid-related disease burden, Pierce County opioid data trends, police evidence trends for prescription-type opioids and heroin deaths, first time treatment admissions, the Healthy Youth Survey, adolescent misuse in opioids, cycle of substance abuse, the 2016 State Interagency Opioid Plan, what the Health Department is doing, needle exchange, 2015 Drug Injector Health Survey responses, opioid epidemic and Hepatitis C, treatment, and Methadone Program statistics.

Council Member Campbell arrived here, at 12:29 p.m.

Dr. Chen concluded his presentation by discussing medicine return and new regulations, education and prevention, and how the City of Tacoma can help.

Discussion ensued regarding the correlation between opioid use and

marijuana use, number of users not seeking treatment, and expanding access to treatment.

Other Items of Interest

2. [17-0372](#) Council Consideration Request - Funding for Implementation of an Anchor Institutions Initiative

Council Member Ibsen presented a Council Consideration Request (CCR) relative to allocating \$50,000 for hiring a third party consultant to help staff develop a targeted anchor institutions strategy.

Discussion ensued regarding outcomes, work of the consultant, outreach, and support for the CCR.

[17-0388](#) Council Consideration Request - Click! Network Consumer Privacy

Council Member Ibsen presented a CCR requesting a resolution to restrict private internet service providers utilizing the Click! Network, from collecting or selling consumer data without express written consent from the customer.

Discussion ensued regarding which customers are included in the restriction, Washington State regulations versus local regulations, the Privacy Protection Act of 1988, personal privacy rights, current usage of consumer data by internet service providers, and the proposed restriction as an incentive for new customers to use Click! Network.

[17-0389](#) Letter to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

Council Member Walker presented a letter to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), stating the letter was sent as a follow up to meeting with representatives during the National League of Cities Conference. She stated the intent of the letter is to invite Secretary Carson to Tacoma to help show HUD how well Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds are used in the City, and the letter is available for members of the City Council to sign.

Discussion ensued regarding support of the letter.

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Council Member Lonergan discussed the current CCR process, challenges and proposed further discussion be taken on by the Government Performance and Finance Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the current process, historical process, policy development through the City Council Committees, requests of Planning Commission studies, and formalizing a CCR policy.

Committee Reports

Council Member Mello stated that an item has been removed from tomorrow's Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee agenda, and that a special meeting will be held on April 17, 2017, to discuss the Cushman Substation.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [17-0370](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, April 6, 2017

Elizabeth Pauli, Interim City Manager, stated there are no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements, nor are there any expected changes to tonight's agenda.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.


for Robert Thoms, Deputy Mayor


Doris Sorum, City Clerk