City of Tacoma
City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

June 11, 2019

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:05 p.m.

Present: 6 - Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards
Absent: 3 - Beale, Blocker and Ibsen

Council Member Mello participated telephonically.

Briefing Items

1. **19-0611** Recommendations for Commingled Recycling

At approximately 12:06 p.m., Mike Slevin, Director, Environmental Services (ES), provided opening remarks and introduced Lewis Griffith, Solid Waste Management Division Manager, and Preston Peck, Waste Reduction Project Specialist, ES. Mr. Griffith presented ES recommendations for commingled recycling, including an overview; background, noting financial implications and rate increases in other jurisdictions; the four options provided to the public for input; and comparisons with existing service levels. Mr. Peck reviewed the community engagement strategy; feedback demographics and results, including option preferences and common themes; and the health, equity, and sustainability analysis. Mr. Griffith outlined the proposed education and outreach; suggestions to improve glass collection; recommendations, including continued services, suggested changes, and surcharges; and next steps for implementation. Mr. Slevin summarized regional and international issues related to waste management operations and recycling.

Discussion ensued regarding current costs and shortfalls, outreach and education, glass drop-off sites and satellite recycling centers, options for low-income customers, the City's role to advocate with industry and markets, customer participation and compliance, service reductions versus increased fees, utility rate increases, implementing changes in stages, communicating a 'recycling reset', glass recycling issues, and costs and capacity of existing

services.

2. 19-0612 Tacoma Dome Link Extension Update

At approximately 1:23 p.m., Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, Planning and Development Services (PDS), provided opening remarks and introduced Andrew Austin, South Corridor Government and Community Relations Manager, and Curvie Hawkins, Project Director, Sound Transit (ST). Mr. Austin presented the Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE) updates. Mr. Hawkins reviewed the project timeline; alternatives development process; level two alternatives; engagements during scoping; scoping communications; comments received by the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, City, and other agencies; general public comment topics; comments, common themes, and stakeholder group feedback for the Tacoma Dome and East Tacoma route areas; and next steps. Mr. Boudet summarized the proposed resolution on tonight's City Council meeting agenda for consideration, including the focus for this phase and key messages; station options and designs; and key issues to highlight in the Environmental Impact Statement.

Discussion ensued regarding previous City Council discussions; the transit-oriented development advisory group; parking; potential business and development impacts; coordination between the City, Sound Transit, and Pierce Transit; and next steps.

Other Items of Interest

3. 19-0624 Council Consideration Request - Right to access reproductive health care services

Council Member Ushka presented Council Members with a draft resolution related to reproductive services, for consideration at a future meeting.

Committee Reports

Mayor Woodards stated she was elected as Chair of the Pierce Transit Board at the June 10, 2019 board meeting.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. 19-0613 Weekly Report to the City Council, June 6, 2019

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated two proclamations are on tonight's meeting agenda, proclaiming June 2019 as Men's Health Month and Walk Tacoma Month. She further stated there are no changes expected to tonight's agenda.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk