



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

3380 North 13th Street, Tacoma WA 98416

University of Puget Sound - Tahoma Room

February 07, 2020

8:30 AM

Special Meeting - Strategic Planning Work Session

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the work session to order at 8:55 a.m.

Present: 8 - Beale, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Deputy Mayor Blocker arrived at 9:02 a.m.

WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Woodards made opening remarks and introduced Dr. Isiaah Crawford, President of the University of Puget Sound. President Crawford welcomed everyone. Tanisha Jumper, Director, Media and Communications Office (MCO), reviewed the policy objectives, noting group work, perspectives, and developing a plan to move policies forward; outlined the ground rules for the day; and facilitated an icebreaker activity.

BRIEFING ITEMS

1. [20-0110](#) 2019 Year in Review

At approximately 9:54 a.m., Kenny Coble, Community Engagement Manager, MCO, facilitated a game to review the City's 2019 achievements, including, but not limited to, the Mayor's Youth Commission, housing statistics, declaring a climate emergency, the Pride flag being raised at the Tacoma Dome, Tacoma Streets Initiative, Participatory Budgeting, the Universal Closed Captioning Ordinance, Tacoma's Equity Index, and business license and building permit values.

The work session recessed at 10:23 a.m. and reconvened at 10:36 a.m.

Ms. Jumper reviewed the outcome of the 90 policy priorities that came from the 2019 Council Retreat and the Affordable Housing Action Strategy, stating 12 have been completed, 71 are still in progress, and seven have been put on hold.

2. [20-0111](#) 2020 Priorities Overview

Ms. Jumper and Jacques Colon, Tacoma 2025 Strategic Manager, MCO, outlined the Tacoma 2025 priority indicators and priority areas that were chosen by the Council, noting access to livable wage jobs, housing and transit costs, access and proximity, improved perception of safety, residents believing they have a positive outcome on the community, and improving health outcomes.

3. [20-0112](#) Priorities Deep Dive

City Council Members were asked to separate into groups, reframe the problem statements relating to housing and transit costs by categorizing each, and report back to the group as a whole. Mr. Colon facilitated a discussion on identifying shared policy objectives to address those problem statements.

The work session recessed at 11:53 a.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

City Council Members were asked to separate into groups, reframe the problem statements relating to livable wage jobs by categorizing each, and report back to the group as a whole. Ms. Jumper facilitated a discussion on identifying shared policy objectives to address those problem statements.

The work session recessed at 2:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2:46 p.m.

City Council Members were asked to separate into groups, reframe the problem statements relating to access and proximity by categorizing each, and report back to the group as a whole. Ms. Jumper facilitated a discussion on identifying shared policy objectives to address those problem statements.

4. [20-0113](#) Next Steps

Ms. Jumper reviewed the next steps, stating there is a directors' retreat planned to discuss what information they have and how the 71 policy priorities that are already in progress fit into the new areas. She further stated the other areas that were not addressed would be brought to the Committee of the Whole.

CLOSING

Mayor Woodards thanked the group for conducting and participating in the discussions and exercises.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the work session was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk