



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

**April 30, 2019**

**12:00 PM**

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### Call to Order

Council Member Ibsen called the study session to order at 12:05 p.m.

**Present:** 5 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen and Ushka

**Absent:** 4 - McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Mayor Woodards

### Briefing Items

1. [19-0460](#) Historic Preservation Program Updates

At approximately 12:05 p.m., Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, Planning and Development Services (PDS), provided opening remarks on the Historic Preservation Program updates and introduced Lauren Hoogkamer, Historic Preservation Coordinator, PDS. Mr. McKnight presented an overview of the Program and 2018-2019 objectives, strategies, and achievements; and the 2018-19 Landmarks Preservation Commission year in review. Ms. Hoogkamer reviewed Historic Preservation Month for May 2019 on the theme "Broadening Horizons", including events, youth art contest, and awards; and the schedule of events and programs throughout 2019. Mr. McKnight concluded with a review of 2020 program initiatives, including surveys, resources, partnerships, and a review of codes and procedures.

Discussion ensued regarding historic properties, walking tours, resources for self-guided tours, revolving loan funds, outreach focus and demographics, and the status of specific buildings on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places.

2. [19-0461](#) Tacoma Rescue Mission Expansion Proposal

At approximately 12:28 p.m., Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services, and Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney, presented the proposed expansion at the Tacoma Rescue Mission, including the plan to repurpose an existing building to add 40 to 50 shelter spaces for single

adults, funding sources, timelines, recent changes to Washington State Law that allow greater flexibility in the City's use of Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) funds, and impacts of approving REET funds for the proposed project.

Discussion ensued regarding REET funding and bonding, timelines, the City's role in the project, and the Tacoma Rescue Mission's relationship with the surrounding area.

### **Other Items of Interest**

Council Member Blocker stated he plans to schedule a discussion at an upcoming Community Vitality and Safety Committee related to the Northwest Detention Center (NWDC), welcomed feedback and questions from the Council, and stated he would report back to the full Council with updates after the brainstorming session.

Discussion ensued regarding a letter and work done by the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, connecting with Washington State's U.S. Representatives and Senators, and plans for future Committee discussions.

### **Committee Reports**

Council Member Hunter commended City staff for their presentations at the special joint meeting of the Pierce County Human Services Commission and the City's Community Vitality and Safety Committee meeting on April 25, 2019. Council Member Blocker outlined the purpose and items discussed at the joint meeting.

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

3. [19-0462](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, April 25, 2019

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated tonight's meeting agenda includes two proclamations, proclaiming May 6-12, 2019 as National Nurses Week and May 2019 as Motorcycle Awareness Month. She further stated that there are no changes expected to the agenda.

## Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk