



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

December 03, 2019

12:00 PM

JOINT MEETING WITH THE TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the joint study session to order at 12:09 p.m.

Present: 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - McCarthy and Mello

Tacoma Public School Board of Directors:

Present: 4 - Bonbright, Cobb, Heinze, and Winskill

Absent: 2 - Keating and Leon

Mayor Woodards provided opening remarks. Scott Heinze, President, introduced Tacoma Public School Board of Directors (TPSBD) Debbie Winskill, Vice President, Andrea Cobb, Director, and Elizabeth Bonbright, Director, TPSBD.

Joint City Council/Tacoma Public Schools Board Briefing Items

1. [19-1373](#) City of Tacoma's Youth Engagement - SummerJobs253, Mayor's Youth Commission and Student Government Day

At approximately 12:12 p.m., Tadd Wille, Deputy City Manager, made opening remarks and introduced Shakisha Ross, WorkForce Program Investment Specialist, Community and Economic Development.

Ms. Ross presented Summer Jobs 253, including background, what students and employers each receive, highlights of 2019, and next steps.

Bucoda Warren, Senior Management Fellow, City Manager's Office (CMO), presented the Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma, including background, past work of the Commission, and recruiting and future projects.

Latasha Ware, Management Fellow, CMO, presented Student Government Day, including an overview, Student Government Day 2018 information, 2018 student feedback, and the Student Government Day 2019 outline.

Ms. Ross provided information on other youth programs, noting participatory budgeting; the certified nursing assistant program; and the partnership between the City, Environmental Services, and Tacoma Public Schools to fund student certifications.

Discussion ensued regarding equitable outreach, recruiting efforts, students who have gone through the program, and involving the Youth Commission in TPSBD meetings and projects.

2. [19-1374](#) Tacoma Public Schools' Bond - Facts

At approximately 12:40 p.m., Mr. Heinze made opening remarks regarding Proposition 1: Neighborhood School Improvement and Safety Upgrades and introduced Morris Aldridge, Executive Director of Planning and Construction and Transportation, Tacoma Public Schools. Mr. Aldridge presented the quality schools for every child goals, renewing the commitment, neighborhood school replacements and major renovations, district-wide school improvements, needed building improvements, district-wide safety and security upgrades, benefits for the community, athletic courts and field improvement, Proposition 1, bonds supporting local businesses, investing in the community, the successful partnership between the City and Tacoma Public Schools, and bond dollar allocation.

Discussion ensued regarding the average cost to tax payers, utilizing local labor and investing in the community, the previous bond amount and the work done with it, maintaining investments already made, and Tacoma Public Library partnerships.

3. [19-1375](#) How We Work Together - Supporting the Whole Child - Tacoma Partnership and Housing

Discussion ensued regarding transportation issues for students, homeless students and their families, and future property needs of schools.

4. [19-1376](#) Safe Routes to Schools

Discussion ensued regarding the School Traffic Safety Committee, arts and physical education, and Tacoma Creates.

5. [19-1377](#) Supporting the Whole Child - Citywide Recognition of January as “Tacoma Whole Child Month”

Mayor Woodards stated there will be a ceremonial proclaiming January as Tacoma Whole Child Month at the January 7, 2020 City Council meeting.

The joint study session was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

The regular study session convened at 1:46 p.m., after a brief recess.

City Council Briefing Items

Other Items of Interest

6. [19-1381](#) Options for 2020 City Council Cancelled Meetings

Mayor Woodards presented the optional dates for the 2020 City Council cancelled meetings.

7. [19-1382](#) Council Process for Walk-on Amendments Discussion

Bill Fosbre, City Attorney, presented the two draft versions of the rule for walk-on amendments and explained the differences between the options.

Discussion ensued regarding time limitations, requirements for writing, and hard rules versus best practices.

8. [19-1378](#) Council Consideration Request - HUD Established Maximum Home Values Eligible for Down Payment Assistance

Council Member Ibsen presented a Council Consideration Request (CCR) for \$5,000 to conduct a survey of home sale prices and take needed steps toward requesting the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) revise the area median sales prices on existing homes and new construction, related to down payment assistance.

9. [19-1396](#) Draft Climate Change Emergency Resolution

Mayor Woodards presented a draft emergency climate change resolution.

Discussion ensued regarding the Environmental Action Plan (EAP), joint efforts with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, establishing regional efforts, director training, intent of the legislation, emergency declarations, and impacts on the EAP.

10. [19-1405](#) Council Consideration Request - Amending the Tacoma Permit Advisory Task Force Membership Limit

Council Member Thoms presented a CCR regarding expanding the Tacoma Permit Advisory Task Force membership.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

11. [19-1383](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, November 27, 2019

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated that tonight's meeting agenda will include the presentation of the Aspiring Leader Award to Tosha Siebert, Relay Shop Supervisor, Power T&D Relay. She further stated there will be four expected changes to the agenda, including removing the item concerning the Behavioral Health Hospital from the Consent Agenda and considering it first, the provision of clarifying information regarding the temporary shelters ordinance, a substitute ordinance for the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, and a substitute ordinance regarding the temporary shelter ordinance. She further stated that tonight's agenda will include a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development projects.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk