



City of Tacoma Committee of the Whole Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

April 16, 2019

3:00 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

Call To Order

Mayor Woodards called the special meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

Present: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Woodards

Briefing Items

1. [19-0397](#) Council Strategic Planning Work Session Follow-up and Action Plan

Mayor Woodards stated the purpose of the special meeting is to have a follow-up discussion of the City Council's February 15, 2019, Strategic Planning Work Session, including to summarize Council priority policies, propose next steps for action, communicate staff assignments, and identify Council contingencies.

Mayor Woodards introduced Tanisha Jumper, Director, Media and Communications Office (MCO). Ms. Jumper presented the objectives for the meeting, including an overview of the 2019 workshop, opportunities and challenges, an Affordable Housing Action Strategy (AHAS) review, and next steps for the Tier 1 policies. Ms. Jumper reviewed the 2019 workshop, which included the icebreaker of Two Truths and a Lie; challenges, opportunities, and successes; City of Tacoma Jeopardy!; priority policies; an AHAS briefing; and capital asset management. She outlined four themes of opportunities and challenges, including the policy development process; enhancing policy performance; alignment and coordination; and staff roles, duties, and engagement.

Ms. Jumper introduced Jacques Colon, 2025 Strategic Manager, MCO. Mr. Colon presented a summary of the affordable housing policy priorities, including corresponding actions for the AHAS tactical teams, lead department responsibilities, and Council actions.

Daniel Murillo, Housing Division Manager, Community and Economic Development, reviewed the structure of the AHAS tactical teams, including team leads, meeting schedules, topics of discussion, pitfalls and progress of each team, and a stakeholder's engagement process.

Ms. Jumper presented the policy priorities overview and indicated that the presentation was the first of two, Council Members' expressed interest, and Council Members would be asked to clarify if the intent was captured accurately. Mayor Woodards suggested the Council Members look over all policies to verify the intent was captured and if they wished to have their name added or removed from any policy priorities. Each Council Member clarified their interest in each of the following policy priorities:

- Safe Routes to School and add bike safety.
- Safe Routes to School and Vision Zero.
- Make bikes and scooters permanent.
- Bike friendly communities - silver community designation.
- Broken window, rapid graffiti removal, and cameras for deterrence.
- Street level crime, diversion courts, opioid services from Tacoma Fire Department and Tacoma Police Department.
- Anchor institutions.
- Critical infrastructure (parking, utilities, etc.) specifically in Transit Oriented Development (TOD) areas.
- Build streets completely.
- Infill development focus - complete business districts.
- Equitable TOD corridor planning/zoning (Pacific Avenue corridor plan: First 2-3 years planning for all transit corridors funding).
- Bus Rapid Transit planning funded.
- Transit corridor re-zoning, inclusionary zoning.

Ms. Jumper concluded by presenting an overview of the next meeting, which will include part two of the policy priorities and a briefing on capital asset management.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding a process or forum for ensuring tools are successful for investors and builders, AHAS tactical team structures, the success of the permit task force, bringing inclusionary housing back to a study session for further discussion, and AHAS processes and timelines. Discussion continued regarding Council touch points, quarterly updates, implementation challenges, and Council Member policy interests.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the special meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk