

Tacoma City Council

Date: May 25, 2012

Name of Observer: Liz Knox

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm**Present:** Mayor Victoria Woodards, Deputy Mayor Keith Blocker, Council Members John Hines, Robert Thoms, Catherine Ushka, Lillian Hunter, Conor McCarthy, Kristina Walker**Absent:** Chris Beale**Others present:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney; Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elly Walkowiak, Assistant Director; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development; Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works; Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Kurt Fremont, Assistant Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services; Merita Trohimovich, Principal Engineer; Reid Bennion, Lead Budget Analyst; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance; Carol Wolfe, Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development; Jennifer Kammerzell, Principal Engineer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation. A peace and reconciliation Coordinator has been hired and also a Senior Policy Analyst to support the Racial Equity Plan. She gave updates on the Anti-Racist Strategic Plan Development, the current status of the Alternative Response Study for police, the expansion of body cameras, the process for police chief recruitment and the Police Accountability Initiatives recently signed by the Governor after the Legislative session ended. The effort to set up a Trauma Response Team is in progress. She shared the long-range timeline for Systems Transformation.

REGULAR AGENDA

Dep. Mayor Blocker moved and CM Thoms seconded resolution 40787 appointing individuals to the City Events and Recognitions Committee. Councilmember McCarthy presented regarding citizens who have been interviewed and appointed to this committee. All approved.

Dep. Mayor Blocker moved and CM Thoms seconded resolution 40788 A resolution appointing individuals to the Human Services Commission. Councilmember Ushka presented regarding citizens who have been interviewed and appointed to this committee. All approved. [Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Celeste Ets-Hokin spoke regarding Council member Hunter engaging in an effort to try to reduce illegal fireworks. She indicated that citizens are working on this effort and spoke in favor of increasing the fine and increased police presence in Allen Park.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES: All Final Readings of Ordinances were approved unanimously with little or no discussion. The ordinances presented involved approval of an opportunity zone investment near University of Washington Tacoma, compensation for Firefighters, Wastewater and Surface Water Management, and Sewer and Stormwater Management.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: All First Readings were approved to move forward to June 8 with little or no discussion. These ordinances involved the creation of a tracking system for American Rescue Funds, amendments to the Capital and Operating Budgets, clarification and updating to the Equity in Contracting Municipal Code, and a request to reclassify the use of illegal fireworks.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

This meeting included a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amended for the years 2021 and for 2022-2027. Information has been provided on the City's website for citizens' review. Jennifer Kammerzell summarized the requirement for an annual updating of the Transportation Improvement Program. She listed projects that have been completed and those not yet finished. She clarified that projects in the first two years were fully funded while those in the subsequent years were less likely to have been so. CM Walker thanked Ms. Kammerzell for the presentation and the hard work involved in this effort.

Public Comments: None on the Transportation Improvement Program

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER: None during this meeting

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Community Vitality and Safety Committee--CM Ushka updated the council about an upcoming meeting related to keeping the city clean, reducing litter, and graffiti removal.

RECESS at 5:50 pm with a 10-minute break

6:01 pm reconvened for the Virtual Community Forum:

Doris Sorum, City Clerk, reported that 16 written comments had been received regarding camping on public property.

Christopher Bower spoke to the need of an ordinance for the city to provide greater protection for grocery workers due to the pandemic since the county will not act.

Lester Pogue asked about the camping ban and how much of the budget would be designated for safety and sanitation for homeless people on Yakima and G Streets.

Public Comment Closed at 6:07 pm

Mayor Woodard asked the City Manager if she had heard Mr. Pogue's request and asked her to share information with him about his concern.

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm