



# City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

**June 10, 2014**

**12:00 PM**

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## Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:07 p.m.

**Present:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Lonergan, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

## Briefing Items

- [14-0476](#) SummerJobs253 Update  
Mayor Strickland announced the first study session topic is Summer Jobs 253. Assistant City Manager Tansy Hayward provided an update on the program, including background information, objectives and goals, 2013 pilot accomplishments, 2014 enhancements, the budget, participants, and next steps. Mayor Strickland thanked everyone involved in the project for their hard work. Discussion ensued regarding the program, including patrons, employers, and the application process.
- [14-0477](#) Six-Year Budget Forecast  
Mayor Strickland announced the next study session topic is the six-year budget forecast. Finance Director Andy Cherullo provided an overview of current economic conditions, including the gross domestic product gap, national percent job loss in post World War II recessions, the Washington State employment data, Tacoma job loss, unemployment, personal income, Pierce County personal income and retail sales, average gas prices, median home prices, building permits in Tacoma, consumer confidence, and exports in Washington State. Mayor Strickland thanked Mr. Cherullo for providing context information.  
  
Budget Officer Tadd Wille reviewed the 2015-2020 General Fund financial forecast, including revenues related to Property, Business, Sales, and Utility Taxes; and expenditures, including assumptions and reserves. He then reviewed deferred maintenance and replacement, including vehicle replacements, facilities maintenance and backlog, Tacoma Dome and Convention Center maintenance, information technology, street maintenance,

and the forecast impact. Mr. Wille concluded by reviewing other unfunded capital items and services, and next steps, including the calendar of events, budget work session, and the rating of City services survey. Discussion ensued regarding the survey, unemployment data, deferred maintenance, real estate and bank owned home sales, wages and benefits, bonding and borrowing capacity, the facilities maintenance backlog and cycles, street maintenance, State partnerships, the City's tax base, and the Chinese economy. Mayor Strickland requested additional information regarding the City's deferred maintenance backlog and whether it is comparable to other cities. Council Member Mello requested the outcomes and recommendations from the evaluation of the life cycle of various City equipment.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated tonight's agenda includes a recognition for the New Tacoma Neighborhood Council, a settlement of all claims against the City by Union Tank Car Company, a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the City Charter as recommended by the 2014 Charter Review Committee, and Citizens' Forum.

3. [14-0482](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, June 5, 2014

## Executive Session - Potential Litigation

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation, the session not to exceed 10 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Lonergan, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Mayor Strickland stated Council would take a five minute break followed by Executive Session.

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:40 p.m. City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli and Deputy City Attorney Bill Fosbre were present.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:50 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk