

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor George called the study session to order at 6:01 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Joe Barrentine, Denny Waltier, and Jamie Nixon were present.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were none.

SOUTH SOUND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY PARTNERS (SSHAP) PRESENTATION

Mayor George provided a brief history of SSHAP and reported that at a Mayor’s roundtable in 2018 it was discussed that housing affordability was not going to be solved by one City. Mayor Woodards of Tacoma briefed the Council on the project and reported that there needs to be a regional approach to combat the issue. Martin Kooistra and John Howell provided an overview of how a voluntary SSHAP partnership could benefit the City and highlighted that the anticipated cost, which is based on population, was between \$2,000 to \$3,000. There was a discussion regarding the long-term outlook of the partnership with SSHAP, concern that affordable housing has many elements that need to be addressed, and the latest Municipal Code change allowing for higher density along the Mildred corridor.

ACTION OPERATIONS: PLAYGROUNDS OPERATIONS

City Manager Pingel briefed the Council on the observed mask and social distancing compliance at the Tot Lot since the April 13, 2021, regular meeting. Staff reports that compliance increased when larger signage was placed around the Tot Lot. There was a discussion regarding staff approaching members of the public to ask them to comply and to continue to watch the reported data regarding case counts and variants. There was Council consensus to leave the Tot Lot open.


Councilmember Nixon was excused from the meeting at 6:55 p.m. and did not return.

ADJOURNMENT

Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 P.M., seconded by Waltier. The Motion Carried (6-0).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk