

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Shannon Reynolds called the study session to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Karen Mauer-Smith, Brett L. Wittner, Hunter T. George, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were none.

TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS/WHITTIER ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION

Tacoma Public Schools' Executive Director of Planning and Construction, Morris Aldridge, and Parametrix representative, Jim Dugan provided an overview of the Whittier Elementary School's construction and improvement process. Discussions included student placement during the construction, the 2020 Tacoma Public Schools' construction bond, community outreach and communications, and transparency. Mr. Aldridge stated that there would not be a Fircrest-Tacoma Public Schools land swap as a part of the Whittier Elementary School construction process.

There were no noted objections from the Council to allow public comment on the Whittier Elementary School construction process. Mayor Reynolds acknowledged the following individuals: former Councilmember Joe Barrentine, former Councilmember Denny Waltier, former Mayor/Councilmember and current Planning Commissioner Kathy McVay, and retired Judge John Miller.

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Katie Dorsey, 546 Forrest Park Drive, commented on the land swap topic, community outreach, and the educational model.
- Shelly Handford, 542 Forrest Park Drive, commented on the land swap topic, and McKinley Elementary School as a swing school site.
- Vern Harkins, 976 Altadena Drive, commented on the land swap topic, transparency, and Whittier Elementary School site soil properties.
- Kathy Owens, 545 Forrest Park Drive, commented on the Whittier Elementary School soil pollution.
- Dan Brett, 702 Contra Costa Ave, commented on traffic issues, zoning, and conducting a traffic study.
- Denny Waltier, 1315 Regents Boulevard, commented on the land swap topic.
- Chuck Chapman, 605 Elm Tree, commented on Contra Costa Ave speeding issues.
- Brian Rybolt, 1205 Daniels Drive, commented on the land swap topic and modular play structures.
- Michelle Bullinger, 631 Fir Park Lane, commented on school enrollment and Contra Costa Ave traffic issues.
- Shelly Hanford, 542 Forrest Park Drive, commented on on-street parking near Whittier Elementary School.
- Dan Brett, 702 Contra Costa Ave, commented on the budget, soil contamination, and construction schedule.

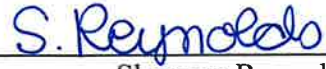
Council discussions included community engagement process, traffic issues, and the use of extra City police vehicles to deter speeding.

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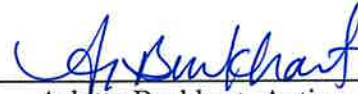
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ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Viafore MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 P.M., seconded by Councilmember Wittner. The Motion Carried (7-0).



Shannon Reynolds, Mayor



Arlette Burkhardt, Acting City Clerk