



TO: Mayor Woodards
FROM: Doris Sorum, City Clerk, City Attorney’s Office
Bill Fosbre, City Attorney’s Office
COPY: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; and City Council
SUBJECT: Resolution – Appointing Holland Cohen to the Tacoma Public Utility Board –
June 15, 2021
DATE: June 7, 2021

SUMMARY:

Appointing Holland Cohen to the Tacoma Public Utility Board to serve a five-year term, effective July 1, 2021, to expire June 30, 2026.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Council Members Hines, Thoms, and Walker.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

Appointing to the Board best aligns with the strategic priority policy related to encouraging and promoting an open, effective, results-oriented organization because the Tacoma Public Utility Board acts as the governing body for Tacoma Public Utilities.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Tacoma City Charter sections 4.8 and 2.4, the Mayor appoints the members of the Public Utility Board, which must be confirmed by a majority of the City Council. At the May 18, 2021, and June 1, 2021, Government Performance and Finance Committee meetings, the Committee reviewed applications, interviewed the candidates, and recommended to the Mayor appointment of Holland Cohen. The Mayor has accepted the recommendation of the Committee and forwards the appointment of Holland Cohen to the City Council for confirmation.

ISSUE:

One position needs to be filled on the Tacoma Public Utility Board.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board would operate without full membership.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Mayor accepts the recommendation of the Government Performance and Finance Committee to appoint Holland Cohen to the Tacoma Public Utility Board.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.