



**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 Carlos Watson to the Tacoma Public Utility Board –  
June 11, 2019  
**DATE:** June 5, 2019

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**SUMMARY:**

Appointing Carlos Watson to the Tacoma Public Utility Board to serve a five-year term, effective July 1, 2019, to expire June 30, 2024.

**COUNCIL SPONSORS:**

Council Members Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, and Mello.

**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 21, 2019 and June 4, 2019 Government Performance and Finance Committee meetings, the Committee reviewed applications, interviewed the candidates, and recommended to the Mayor appointment of Mr. Watson. The Mayor has accepted the recommendation of the Committee and forwards the appointment of Mr. Watson 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 Mr. Watson to the Tacoma Public Utility Board.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.