



# City of Tacoma Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

September 16, 2015

4:30 PM

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Chair Joe Lonergan, Vice Chair Marty Campbell,  
Mayor Marilyn Strickland, Robert Thoms, Anders Ibsen (alternate)

## Call To Order

Chair Lonergan called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

**Present:** 3 - Campbell, Lonergan and Ibsen

**Absent:** 2 - Strickland and Thoms

## Approval of Minutes

1. 15-0940 Approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 17, 2015

**MOTION:** Council Member Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Ibsen.

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Campbell, Lonergan and Ibsen

**Absent:** 2 - Strickland and Thoms

## Briefing Items

2. 15-0936 Fiscal Home Rule [Randy Lewis, Government Relations Officer]

At approximately 4:34 p.m., Randy Lewis, Government Relations Officer, presented the Fiscal Home Rule as an effort to begin to change the current relationship between willing cities and the State. He stated the Fiscal Home Rule is a concept that cities would be granted greater local authority over local taxes. He discussed the background information, issues, alternatives, and the fiscal impact. He concluded by recommending the City initiate a discussion on Fiscal Home Rule with other cities.

Discussion ensued regarding the draft bill, utility taxes, surcharge, and property tax.

3. [15-0937](#) Emergency Radio Services Access Fees [Jack Kelanic, Information Technology Director]

At approximately 5:14 p.m., Jack Kelanic, Information Technology Director, and Steve Taylor, Networks and Communication, presented the 2015 Information Technology Department's plans to increase emergency radio system access fees charged to regional public safety agencies. Mr. Kelanic stated the City has owned and operated an 800 MHz emergency radio communications network in support of critical City services provided by Tacoma Police, Tacoma Fire, Public Works, and Environmental Services. Mr. Taylor discussed the radio system operations and current business model. Mr. Kelanic discussed the issues, future business models and projected impacts. He concluded by stating they would be going forward with sending out notices to impacted customers, the Motorola contract, establishing a memorandum of understanding with South Sound 911, updating current contracts, and preparing the mid-biennium budget adjustments.

Discussion ensued regarding service fees, number of radio's, and radio coverage.

### Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [15-0938](#) September 30, 2015- Canceled  
India Adams, Committee Liaison, stated the September 30, 2015, meeting has been cancelled, and the October 7, 2015 meeting will include Tacoma Information Management System and Internet Service Provider (ISP) Update on Charging Methods.

### Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

  
Joe Lonergan, Chair

  
Jennifer Beauchamp, City Clerk's Office