



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

May 15, 2018

1:00 PM

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the special joint study session to order at 1:21 p.m.

Present: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Public Utility Board Members:

Present: 4 - Flint, Larkin, Patterson, and Trudnowski

Absent: 1 - Jones

Briefing Items

1. [18-0508](#) Director of Utilities Finalists' Interviews

At approximately 1:21 p.m., Monique Trudnowski, Chair, Public Utility Board, made opening remarks and provided an overview of the Director of Tacoma Public Utilities recruitment, including outreach, position competencies, progress to date, finalist interviews, and next steps.

Mayor Woodards stated the final decision will not be made until May 23, 2018, and the community will have an opportunity to view the candidates' presentations and share feedback online. She further stated each finalist will provide a presentation, followed with questions from the City Council.

The City Council received presentations from Jackie Flowers, John Hairston, and Nav Ota.

Ms. Flowers presented on the background of her experience, the public utility model, an evolved service model, transitioning a successful energy efficiency business model into other services, and engaging with the customers and receiving feedback.

Mr. Hairston stated his focus would be on what he can bring to the table in respect to leadership in the position and what he bases his leadership style on. He presented three pillars for leadership, including safety, commercial success, and valued partnerships.

Ms. OtaI stated her most prominent quality is being very future focused and presented her key leadership attributes, including preserving the public trust: stewardship, harmonizing competing interests: strategic collaboration, investing for the long-term: business sustainability, and championing culture change: organizational agility; and provided her career path, noting challenges and growth.

Mayor Woodards stated these presentations are just one part of the recruitment process, and following the presentations the City Council and Tacoma Public Utility Board will convene to Executive Session to discuss the qualifications of the applicants. She reminded everyone that any discussions of the process or decisions will be made at an open public meeting and no decisions are expected following the Executive Session.

Executive Session - Review Qualifications of Director of Utilities Finalists

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to convene to a Joint Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review qualifications of the finalists for the Director of Utilities position, not to exceed 45 minutes, in Room 148.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Ayes: 4 - Flint, Larkin, Patterson, and Trudnowski

Absent: 1 - Jones

The City Council and the Public Utility Board convened to Joint Executive Session at 2:50 p.m.

The Joint Executive Session concluded and the joint study session reconvened at 3:35 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the joint study session was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk