

WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

January 16, 2014

Members of the City Council
City of Tacoma, Washington

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

ACTION REQUESTED

1. **City offices will be closed on Monday, January 20th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday.** Please join us for the City's annual celebration event at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. and program begins at 11:00 a.m.
2. As a reminder, the **Pierce County Legislative Dinner is on Wednesday, January 22nd, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.,** at Ramblin Jacks Restaurant, located at 520 East 4th Avenue, Olympia.

TOPICS OF INTEREST

3. Environmental Services Director Mike Slevin provides the attached memorandum with an **update on glass recycling.** The only large scale glass recycling plant that accepts the majority of the glass in the Western Washington region had to change processors in December and their new processing company will not be able to accept glass for several months until their glass plant is complete. Once the processing plant is operational, they will start accepting Tacoma's glass. Solid Waste Management (SWM) has explored interim options for its glass and found a market for brown and green color glass; however, the mixed color glass is much more difficult to process. In the short term, it is likely that SWM will continue to landfill this glass. Because this issue appears to be temporary, no change to the services provided to our customers is proposed. SWM will continue to study the various methods of collecting glass and review both the environmental and economic impacts. They will bring the options and a recommendation to the Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee in the 2nd quarter of this year.

STUDY SESSION/WORK SESSION

4. The **City Council Study Session** of Tuesday, January 21, 2014, will be held in Room 16 of the Tacoma Municipal Building North, at Noon. Discussion items will be: (1) **Overview of the STAR Project;** (2) **Other Items of Interest;** (3) **Agenda Review;** (4) **Closed Session – Labor Negotiations;** and (5) **Executive Session – Potential Litigation.**

At Tuesday's Study Session, Sustainability Manager Kristin Lynett will provide Council an overview of the STAR Project. **Tacoma was the first of 30 pilot communities to submit and receive STAR certification last November**, which is the first national community livability and sustainability rating system. The City's Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability led the community-wide effort to collect and analyze more than 500 possible areas of data-supported achievement across seven categories.

5. The updated **Tentative City Council Forecast and Consolidated Standing Committee Calendars** are attached for your information.

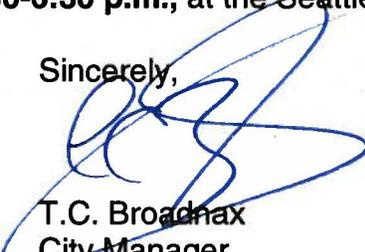
GRANT APPLICATIONS

6. The City applied for the following grant:
 - **Greater Tacoma Community Foundation Vibrant Community Grant** – Funding to support the Healthy Homes, Healthy Neighborhoods Program in order to bring the program to eastside residents in Tacoma. The City is applying for \$10,000, with no City match required.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

7. You have been invited to the following events:
 - **Tacoma Dome's 30th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, January 18th, 9:00 a.m., 2727 East D Street.**
 - **The Future of Housing After the Crisis on Wednesday, January 22nd, 9:00 a.m., at the Hotel Murano, 1320 Broadway Plaza.**
 - **Pierce County Summit Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, January 30th, 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., at the Hotel Murano, located at 1320 Broadway Plaza.**
 - **RACE Challenge Your Perspective Thank You event on Thursday, January 30th, 4:30-6:30 p.m., at the Seattle Center Armory.**

Sincerely,



T.C. Broadnax
City Manager



TO: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
FROM: Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Environmental Services Director
COPY: Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee
SUBJECT: Glass Recycling Update
DATE: January 13, 2014

Glass Recycling Situation

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with a situational update on our current glass recycling issues. Solid Waste Management (SWM) is currently landfilling a portion of the glass it collects for recycling. The mixed color glass collected at the curb from our residential customers is currently being landfilled because there is currently no local vendor for recycling the glass.

In Western Washington, there is only one large scale glass recycling plant that accepts a majority of the glass in this region. That plant is in Seattle and is owned by Verallia. This plant has historically obtained its glass resources, called cullet, from a single local glass processor. Until the end of November, Verallia obtained its glass cullet from a company called eCullet. SWM delivered mixed glass collected at the curb and color separated glass collected at the Recycling Center to eCullet. Verallia has decided to change processors to a company called Strategic Materials.

eCullet is now closed, and Strategic Materials will not be able to accept glass for several months until their glass processing plant is complete. SWM staff has met with Strategic Materials managers, and Strategic Materials will accept Tacoma's glass when their plant is operational.

SWM has explored interim options for its glass and has found a market for the Brown and Green color separated glass collected at the Recycling Center. Mixed color glass is much more difficult to process because specialized equipment is needed to separate the different colors of glass for recycling. There are some markets in Portland, but the cost to transport this material is cost prohibitive. Strategic Materials is also working on some interim options for mixed color glass, but it is uncertain if they will become available in time. In the short term, it is likely that SWM will continue to landfill the mixed glass. Because this issue appears to be temporary, no change to the services provided to our customers is proposed.

Long Term Glass Options

Because of the impact glass has on the efficiency of the residential curbside recycling collection, SWM is continuing to study the various methods of collecting glass. Several options are being reviewed, including using the current semi-automated collection system, adding a fourth automated container picked up monthly or bi-weekly, glass stations and not collecting glass at all. Both the environmental and economic impacts of the various methods are under review. SWM is preparing to bring the options and a recommendation to the Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee in the 2nd quarter of 2014.

**City of Tacoma 2013-2014
City Council Forecast**

Date	Meeting	Subject	Department
2014			
January 21, 2014	Study Session	Overview of STAR Project	CMO/EPS
		Closed Session - Labor Negotiations	HR
		Executive Session - Potential Litigation	CAO
	Committee of the Whole	Special Event Program Improvements	CED
	City Council Meeting		
January 28, 2014	Study Session	Pierce Co Community & Tech Colleges Legislative Initiatives	5 College Presidents
		Legislative Update	GRO
		Tacoma Link Expansion	ST/GRO/PW/PDS
	City Council Meeting		
February 4, 2014	Study Session	Tacoma Link Expansion (tentative)	ST/GRO/PW/PDS
	Committee of the Whole		
	City Council Meeting		
February 11, 2014	Study Session	Legislative Update	GRO
	City Council Meeting		
February 18, 2014	Study Session	Tacoma Smelter Plume Cleanup Update	WSDOE/PDS
	Committee of the Whole		
	City Council Meeting		
February 25, 2014	Study Session	Legislative Update	GRO
	City Council Meeting		
March 4, 2014	Study Session		
	Committee of the Whole		
	City Council Meeting		
March 11, 2014		CANCELLED	
March 18, 2014	Joint Utility Board Study Session		
	Committee of the Whole		
	City Council Meeting		
March 25, 2014	Study Session	Legislative Update	GRO
		Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability	
		Two-Year Workplan and Vision	CMO/EPS
	City Council Meeting		
April 1, 2014	Study Session		
	Committee of the Whole		
	City Council Meeting		
April 8, 2014	Study Session	Legislative Update	GRO
	City Council Meeting		
April 15, 2014	Study Session		
	Committee of the Whole		
	City Council Meeting		
April 22, 2014	Study Session	Legislative Wrap-up Report	GRO
	City Council Meeting		
April 29, 2014	Study Session		
	City Council Meeting		
May 6, 2014	Study Session		
	Committee of the Whole		
	City Council Meeting		
May 13, 2014	Study Session		
	City Council Meeting		
May 20, 2014	Study Session		
	Committee of the Whole		
	City Council Meeting		
May 27, 2014		CANCELLED	

Council Committee Report

(Subject to Change)

<i>Economic Development Committee</i>	
Committee Members: Campbell (Chair), Boe, Walker, Mello, Alternate -Thoms	2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays
Executive Liaison: Nadia Chandler Hardy; Staff Support - Anita Gallagher	10:00 a.m. Room 248
CBC Assignments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">• Tacoma Arts Commission <li style="width: 50%;">• Foss Waterway Development Authority <li style="width: 50%;">• Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District <li style="width: 50%;">• City Events and Recognition Committee
January 28, 2014	
Future:	
February 11, 2014 One-Stop Permitting Center Fourth Quarter 2013 Financial Indicators Report (tentative)	Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services Elly Walkowiak, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development
February 25, 2014 Tacoma Dome Art (tentative) City Events and Recognitions Committee Report Applicant Interviews for City Events and Recognitions Committee	Roslyn Smith, Chair, City Events and Recognitions Committee Doris Sorum, City Clerk

<i>Government Performance & Finance Committee</i>	
Committee Members: Lonergan (Chair), Campbell, Thoms, Strickland, Alternate-Lopez	1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays
Executive Liaison: T.C. Broadnax; Staff Support - Reid Bennion	4:30 p.m. Room 248
CBC Assignments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">• Public Utility Board <li style="width: 50%;">• Audit Advisory <li style="width: 50%;">• Board of Ethics <li style="width: 50%;">• Civil Service Board
January 29, 2014 CANCELLED	
Future:	
February 5, 2014 Tax and License Code Changes Title 6 (Tentative) End of Year Report	Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager Reid Bennion, City Manager's Office
February 19, 2014 Tacoma 24/7 and Budget Book Performance Measures (Tentative) Tacoma Water Code Changes Regarding Fees and Charges (Tentative)	Tadd Wille, Budget Officer, Office of Budget and Research Tony Lindgren, Tacoma Water
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Management System Update/Benchmarking • Building Restructuring Plan (including telecommuting options) • Council Workshop Check-in (biannually) • Leasing vs. Buying Vehicles Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fossil Fuel Divestment • SAP Strategic Assessment Update (2014) • CBC Recruitment Overview (Tentative) • Public Works Bidding Process Overview (2014) • Timing on LID Billing

<i>Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee</i>	
Committee Members: Mello (Chair), Boe, Walker, Ibsen, Alternate-Campbell	2nd and 4th Wednesdays
Executive Liaison: Nadia Chandler Hardy; Staff Support - Carmen White	4:30 p.m. Room 16
CBC Assignments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">• Sustainable Tacoma Commission <li style="width: 50%;">• Board of Building Appeals <li style="width: 50%;">• Planning Commission <li style="width: 50%;">• Transportation Commission
January 22, 2014 Downtown on the Go	
Future:	
February 12, 2014 Construction and Demolition Waste Services Environmental and Sustainability Management System	Mike Slevin, Director, Environmental Services Mike Slevin, Director, Environmental Services
February 26, 2014 Planning Commission 2013 Accomplishments and Proposed Work Plan for 2014 Transfer of Development Rights	Lihuang Wung, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services Ian Munce, Special Assistant to the Director, Planning and Development Services
Transportation Commission 2013 Accomplishments and Proposed Work Plan for 2014	Jennifer Kammerzell, Engineer, Public Works

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Neighborhoods and Housing Committee

Committee Members: Walker (Chair), Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan, Alternate-Woodards	1st and 3rd Mondays 4:30 p.m.
Executive Liaison: Tansy Hayward; Staff Support - Christina Watts	Room 248
CBC Assignments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landmarks Preservation Commission • Tacoma Housing Authority • Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority
January 20, 2014 MLK	
Future:	
February 3, 2014 2013 N&H Annual Report Committee Work Planning	
February 17, 2014 PRESIDENT'S DAY	

Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee

Committee Members: Woodards (Chair), Campbell, Lonergan, Strickland, Alternate-Mello	2nd and 4th Thursdays 4:30 p.m.
Executive Liaison: Tansy Hayward; Staff Support - Julie Stoltman	Room 248
CBC Assignments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Review Panel • Human Services Commission • Human Rights Commission • Commission on Disabilities • Library Board
January 23, 2014	UWT Urban Studies presentation on City of Tacoma Division of Human Services Strategic Plan Development Interviews - Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities & Citizen Review Panel Approval of 2013 PSHSE Annual Report
	Lisa Hoffman, Associate Professor of Urban Studies, UWT; Pamela Duncan, Contracting Services Manager, Neighborhood & Community Services Doris Sorum, City Clerk Julie Stoltman, City Manager's Office; Tansy Hayward, Neighborhood & Community Services Director
Future:	
February 13, 2014	Joint Meeting with Library Board of Trustees (confirmed) Julio Quan, Chair, Library Board of Trustees; Susan Odenratz, Tacoma Public Library Director
February 27, 2014	Joint Meeting with Human Rights Commission (confirmed) John Wallace, Chair, Human Rights Commission