



City of Tacoma

Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248
Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 844 1669 0206
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September 19, 2023
10:00 AM

Chair John Hines, Vice Chair Kristina Walker, Joe Bushnell,
Sarah Rumbaugh, Kiara Daniels (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Hines called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Bushnell, Hines and Walker
Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

Council Member Rumbaugh arrived at 10:06 a.m.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Approval of Minutes

1. [23-0911](#) Approval of the minutes for the April 4, 2023, meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023, meeting.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Walker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Bushnell, Hines and Walker
Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

2. [23-0912](#) Approval of the minutes for the April 18, 2023, meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023, meeting.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Walker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Bushnell, Hines and Walker

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

Council Member Rumbaugh arrived here, at 10:06 a.m

Briefing Items

3. [23-0906](#) Monthly Budget Update
[Reid Bennion, Lead Budget Analyst, Office of Management and Budget]

At approximately 10:06 a.m., Reid Bennion, Lead Budget Analyst, Office of Management and Budget, presented the monthly budget update including the agenda, general fund revenues through August, monthly revenues, major revenue categories, and September 2023 revenue projections. Bennion continued with adoptions, budget modifications, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding upcoming Real Estate Excise Tax projects, excise tax numbers, licensing and permitting, sales tax, projections for businesses with permitting and the increase in fees, sales tax break down, retail and online sales, general fund, business tax spikes, funds of one time dollars, ongoing costs, and separation of the alignment of sales and business taxes.

4. [23-0908](#) Wholesale Trading Overview
[Todd Lloyd, Assistant Section Manager; Joy Liechty, Power Utility Manger, Tacoma Public Utilities]

At approximately 10:29 a.m., Todd Lloyd, Power Utility Manager, Tacoma Public Utilities, presented the wholesale trading overview including team organization overview, operations trading responsibilities, Tacoma's resource portfolio, difference between blocks and slices, Tacoma owned resources, and other contractual resources. Lloyd continued with resource operation challenges, under fill of Riffe Lake and property owner notification, aging of the system and seismic issues of Riffe Lake, and resources and loads. Joy

Liechty, Power Utility Manager, reviewed why we trade power, and trading policy and philosophy. Casey Rood, Real Time Energy Trader Lead, continued with how we trade power, and real time trading. Lloyd finished with transaction volumes, 2022 transaction summary by market, transaction revenue, Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) benefit over powerdex, and the 2022 financial transaction summary by market.

Discussion ensued regarding clean energy and cost in regards to the Climate Commitment Act, winter peaking utility, implications if the time frame of peaking changes from winter to summer, EIM market, day ahead market, term purchases, dry conditions, and Bonneville.

5. [23-0909](#) Proposals to Modify Large Load Rate Class Structure
[Ying Hall, Rates Planning & Analysis Manager;
Jing Liu, Data & Rates Analyst, Tacoma Public Utilities]

At Approximately 11:07 a.m., Ying Hall, Rates Planning and Analysis Manager, presented the proposal to modify the large load rate class structure including and overview of requests for Ordinance, background on cost of service, cost components, and guiding principles. Hall continued with serving new large loads, embedded and marginal costs, proposed modifications, and achievements, draft timeline, and existing customer classes and rates.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposals to modify Large Load rate class structure.

MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved the proposed amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 12.06 Electric Energy – Regulations and Rates, as well as Tacoma Power’s Electric Rate Financial Policy to the full City Council for consideration.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Walker.

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

Ayes: 4 - Bushnell, Hines, Rumbaugh and Walker

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

- 6. [23-0910](#) October 3, 2023 - Charter Review Process; Title 6 Amendments - Green Jobs Tax Credit; Title 6 Amendments - Chapters 6B.10 and 6B.20; Title 6 Amendments - General Clean-Up; Cybersecurity Briefing

- October 17, 2023 - Monthly Budget Update; Proposed Rate Adjustments; MCO Communications Report Implementation; Introduction to Communications and Media Director; Informational Briefing on the City’s Litter Code

- November 7, 2023 - Board of Ethics Interviews; Title 6 Amendments Utility Tax Chapters Low Carbon Fuel Standard; Tacoma Bond Financing Request

D’Angelo Baker, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting is scheduled on October 3, 2023, and will include three separate Title 6 amendments related to Green Jobs Tax Credit, Chapters 6B.10 and 6B.20, and as well as General Clean Up, and also a cybersecurity briefing; the October 17th, 2024, meeting will include a monthly budget update, proposed rate adjustments, Media Communication Office (MCO) report implementation, as well as a introduction to the MCO Director; and the November 7, 2023, meeting twill include an informational briefing on the City’s Litter Code, interviews for the Board of Ethics, Title 6 amendments related to low carbon fuel standard, and a request for bond financing.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

John Hines, Chair

Kimberly Kerby, City Clerk's Office