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SUBJECT: Filling Vacant Council Positions
DATE: November 6, 2018

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

The City Attorney's Office will present an informational briefing on the legal, policy, and procedural issues associated with filling vacant city council positions. The briefing will include samples processes from other cities.

BACKGROUND:

Both Washington State law and the Tacoma City Charter provide legal authority for the city council to fill vacant city council positions; however, these laws do not mandate a specific process to be used.

ISSUE:

City council does not have a standard process for filling vacant city council positions; consequently, an ad hoc process has been used each time a vacant city council position has occurred over the past decade.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an information briefing only. No action is required and there are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an information briefing only. No action is required and there is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information briefing only. No action is required and there is no recommendation at this time.