



# City of Tacoma

## Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248  
Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 827 5299 8740  
Webinar Link: [www.zoom.us/j/82752998740](http://www.zoom.us/j/82752998740) Passcode: 614650

**December 20, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

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

### Call To Order

Chair Hines called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

### Approval of Minutes

1. [22-1410](#) Approval of the minutes of the September 6, 2022, meeting.

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Walker moved to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2022, meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

## Briefing Items

2. [22-1398](#) Bonneville Power Administration's Services to Tacoma Power's Customers  
[Ray Johnson, Assistant Power Section Manager, Tacoma Power;  
Clark Mather, Government Relations Officer, Tacoma Public Utilities]

At approximately 10:04 a.m., Clark Mather, Community and Government Relations Officer, Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU), provided opening remarks and introduced Ray Johnson, Assistant Section Manager, Tacoma Power. Johnson presented a briefing on the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) services to Tacoma Power's customers, including an overview of Tacoma Power, noting general information, a comparison of households with a high energy burden versus the TPU Equity Index, and the power supply portfolio; Tacoma Power's relationship with BPA, noting general information, BPA contracts, cost comparisons, and how BPA spends power revenues; a background of Lower Snake River Dams (LSRD), noting a summary, operating characteristics, that LSRD removal would eliminate Tacoma Power's winter capacity adequacy, LSRD replacement resources, the cost to replace LSRDs, and carbon-free resources. Mather concluded by explaining the study conducted by Governor Jay Inslee and Senator Patty Murray of potentially replacing the services of four dams on the Lower Snake River in southeastern Washington.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the age of housing in relation to energy burden; contracts with other power companies, noting costs of power contracts that are under discussion; selling excess power; the dependants of BPA, noting the cost of Bonneville; clarification on projects, noting hatcheries; the definition of electrification; solar energy, noting limitations and providing discounts; issues with dams in relation to salmon, noting the LSRD, clarification on TPU studies; and dam removal versus dam replacement costs.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [22-1399](#) January 3, 2023 - Election of Chair and Vice Chair  
January 17, 2023 - Cancelled  
February 7, 2023 - To Be Determined

Joe Franco, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be held on January 3, 2023, and will include the election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair; and the January 17, 2023, meeting is cancelled.

Discussion ensued regarding potential topics, including presentations on

energy imbalance markets, a monthly budget update regarding parking, Local Improvement Districts, City Charter review, and an update on Rainier Connect.

### **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 10:57 a.m.

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John Hines, Chair

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Jessica Mazique, City Clerk's Office