



City of Tacoma Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

April 29, 2015

4:00 PM

Chair Joe Lonergan, Vice Chair Marty Campbell,
Mayor Marilyn Strickland, Robert Thoms, Anders Ibsen (alternate)

SPECIAL MEETING

Call To Order

Chair Lonergan called the special meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Present: 4 - Campbell, Lonergan, Strickland and Thoms

Approval of Minutes

1. 15-0432 Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 1, 2015
MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2015 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Mayor Strickland.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.
Ayes: 4 - Campbell, Lonergan, Strickland and Thoms

Briefing Items

2. 15-0433 Click! Rates [Pat Burgess, Click! Business Operations Manager]
At approximately 4:06 p.m., Tenzin Gyaltzen, Click! General Manager, reviewed Click! Rates, including background information, increased programming costs, declining customer counts, fixed costs, Telecom budget, cost of cable television services, proposed ordinance revisions, a market comparison, a bill comparison, next steps, and recommendations. Discussion ensued regarding the negotiation of rates, black-out channels, state and federal reforms, cost increases throughout the industry, operation and maintenance costs, employee counts, programming costs, rates for broadband services only,

digital broadband fees, investing to increase profitability, rate increases, bond rates, and variable costs. Council Member Campbell requested information on employee counts and services provided. Chair Lonergan requested information regarding the difference between costs and customer charged rates for cable and internet.

Public comment was heard regarding Click! from:

1. Mitch Shook
2. Doug Miller
3. David Carnahan
4. Daniel Jones

Chair Lonergan requested information on how many customers it would take to break even with the current rates.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [15-0434](#) May 6 - Ruston Interlocal Agreement

Christina Watts, City Manager's Office, stated the meeting of May 6, 2015 has been cancelled.

Public Comment

Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the special meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.



Joe Lonergan, Chair



Nicole Emery, City Clerk's Office