



City of Tacoma

Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248
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July 16, 2024
10:00 AM

Chair John Hines, Vice Chair Joe Bushnell, Kiara Daniels,
Sarah Rumbaugh, Kristina Walker (alternate),
John O'Loughlin (ex officio)

Due to technical difficulties, room video is not available for the first nine and a half minutes.

Call To Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Bushnell, Rumbaugh and Hines

Absent: 1 - Daniels

Council Member Daniels arrived at 10:03 a.m.

Public Comment

Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 10:03 a.m.

Public comment was heard from:

1. April Smith, speaking on the Fire Levy.

Briefing Items

1. [24-0753](#) Monthly Budget Update - 2024 Balancing Act Demo
[Kathryn Johnston, Budget Officer; Reid Bennion, Financial Manager, Finance]

At approximately 10:04 a.m., Reid Bennion, Financial Manager, and Mac Acabado, Financial Services Analyst, Finance, presented the 2025-2026 biennial budget development balancing act, including a demonstration of the interactive budgeting tool, noting the webpage design and link; summer and fall 2022 outreach summary, noting top three areas for increased and decreased funding; and upcoming events.

Discussion ensued regarding collection of demographics by location, webpage usage and tools, outreach, and public education.

2. [24-0756](#) Review of Fire Levy "For" and "Against" Committees
[Debra Casparian, Deputy City Attorney]

At approximately 10:22 a.m., Debra Casparian, Deputy City Attorney, reviewed the "For" and "Against" Committee process and volunteers, noting the Committee will recommend volunteers to serve that will prepare statements "For" and "Against" Proposition No. 1, concerning a levy lid lift for the regular property tax levy for the Tacoma Fire Department, which will appear in the Voters' Pamphlet for the November 5, 2024, General Election.

Discussion ensued regarding volunteer demographics and state registration to vote, rules for late submittal and timeframe, outreach, and volunteer information.

MOTION: Vice Chair Bushnell moved to recommend the appointment of Rita Andreeva, Steven Cook, and Donna Walters to Proposition No. 1 "Against" Committee.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 4 - Bushnell, Daniels, Rumbaugh and Hines

MOTION: Vice Chair Bushnell moved to recommend the appointment of Michael Fitzgerald, Conor McCarthy, and Ron Stephens to Proposition No. 1 "For" Committee.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 3 - Bushnell, Daniels and Hines

Nays: 1 - Rumbaugh

3. [24-0758](#) Zayo Telecommunications Franchise Agreement
[Jeff Lueders, Cable and Franchise Services Division Manager, Media and Communications Office]

At approximately 10:41 a.m., Jeff Lueders, Cable and Franchise Services Division Manager, Media and Communications Office, informed the

Committee that he would not be presenting Zayo Telecommunications Franchise Agreement at this time and requested to move this briefing item to a later date.

MOTION: Chair Hines moved to forward briefing item No. 3 - Zayo Telecommunications Franchise Agreement to a later date to be determined.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Bushnell.

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

Ayes: 4 - Bushnell, Daniels, Rumbaugh and Hines

4. [24-0759](#) Multifamily Property Tax Exemption Program Update
[Debbie Bingham, Program Manager, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:43 a.m., Chair Hines provided background on the Multi Family Property Tax Exemption (MFTE) Program and introduced Debbie Bingham, Program Manager, Community and Economic Development, who presented an overview; background, noting previous Council legislation, required affordability level, commercial space, extensions, and required projects; allowed locations, noting residential target areas; 1998-2021 outcomes, noting projects completed; 2022-2024 outcomes, noting projected approved; usage, noting 345 total affordable units currently rented; project locations; and conclusions.

Discussion ensued regarding the difference between the MFTE Program and other housing programs, core pedestrian streets, commercial space requirements, neighborhood nodes versus commercial spaces, area exemptions, Stadium District, units available to the people that already reside in the neighborhood, displacement, commercial affordability, units that are being built through other City programs, next steps, and planning for future Committee conversation on this topic.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. [24-0760](#) July 29, 2024 - Special Meeting to Review "For" and "Against" Committees Related to Proposed Charter Amendments
- August 6, 2024 - Update on Accessory Dwelling Units
- August 20, 2024 - Monthly Budget Update; Convention Center Refinancing; Cost of Services Analysis and Rates for Water, Rail, Power; Environmental Services 2025-2026 Proposed Budget and Rate Revenues; Environmental Services and Solid Waste Management Division Special Permits Recycling Incentive; Audit Advisory Board Quarterly Meeting

D'Angelo Baker, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be a special meeting on July 29, 2024, and will include consideration and recommendation of volunteers to serve on "For" and "Against" Committees for proposed Charter Amendment Nos. 1 through 6; the August 6, 2024, meeting will include an update on Accessory Dwelling Units, Convention Center bond refinancing, and a monthly budget update; the August 20, 2024, meeting will include an Audit Advisory Board quarterly meeting, cost services analysis and rates for Water, Rail, and Power, Environmental Services (ES) 2025-2026 proposed budget and rate revenues, and ES recycling incentive special permits.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

John Hines, Chair

Kimberly Kerby, City Clerk's Office