



City of Tacoma

Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

July 20, 2016

4:30 PM

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

Call To Order

Chair Lonergan called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Present: 3 - Campbell, Ibsen and Lonergan

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Approval of Minutes

1. 16-0693 Approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 29, 2016

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2016 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 3 - Campbell, Ibsen and Lonergan

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Briefing Items

2. 16-0691 Telecommunications Franchise for Rainier Connect [Jeff Lueders, Cable Communications & Franchise Services]

At approximately 4:33 p.m., Jeff Lueders, Cable Communications and Franchise Services Manager, and Jeff Capell, Deputy City Attorney, provided an overview of the Mashell Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Rainier Connect, Telecommunications Franchise Agreement, including background information, the process, provider services, the proposed ordinance and next steps.

Mr. Lueders concluded by requesting a recommendation to forward the proposed agreement to the full City Council for consideration.

Discussion ensued regarding weight capacity of telecommunication poles, City policies, future goal for the percentage of undergrounding of wires, significant differences between the proposed franchise agreement and previous franchise agreements, utilizing current wires and poles, pole attachment agreements and policies, future wireless applications, upcoming franchise agreements, telecommunication towers and pods, challenges and equity of access to service.

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to recommend the Telecommunications Franchise Agreement to the full City Council for consideration.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 3 - Campbell, Ibsen and Lonergan

Absent: 1 - Thoms

3. 16-0692 May Financial Report [Sam Benscoter, Finance Analyst, Office of Management and Budget]

At approximately 5:01 p.m., Sam Benscoter, Office of Management and Budget, provided an overview of the May 2016 financial report, including an update on the 2016 General Fund, General Fund revenues and revenue variance, tax revenue through May 2015 versus May 2016, General Fund expenditures and expenditure variance, and General Fund supported funds, including the Street Operations and Engineering Fund, Traffic Enforcement Fund, Permit Services Fund, Parking Fund, and Public Assembly Facilities. He concluded by providing a budget/finance condition summary.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding tax amnesty realizations, projected tax revenue from marijuana retailers, payment of past due sales tax, fuel savings, revenues lost from loss of use of school zone traffic camera located at Stewart Middle School and budget adjustments.

Council Member Lonergan requested a May 2016 financial report based on the original adopted budget.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. 16-0680 August 3, 2016 - Employment Standards for Marijuana Licensing and Equity & Empowerment Policies

Brad Forbes, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be held on August 3, 2016, and topics will include employment standards for marijuana licensing, and equity and empowerment policies.

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 5:42 p.m.



Joe Lonergan, Chair



Amanda Punsalan, City Clerk's Office