



Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

November 20, 2013

Chair Lonergan called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Campbell, Lonergan, Thoms, and
Mayor Strickland (participated telephonically).

Council Committee Members Absent: None.

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 16, 2013

Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Fiscal Sustainability Task Force Recommendations

At approximately 4:39 p.m., Tyler Shillito, Task Force Vice Chair, reviewed the Task Force, including their mission statement, General Fund challenges, findings, and recommendations. Lyle Quasim, Task Force Chair, reviewed the history of the Task Force, including why it was created. Mr. Quasim reviewed consensus, additional recommendations, efficiencies, and expenditure reductions. Discussion ensued over benchmarks, opportunities for collaboration, and growth trends. Public comment was heard from Jim Duggan, Fire Chief. Mr. Quasim stated the Task Force requests to meet at least twice more in 2014.

Accela Permitting Software

At approximately 5:26 p.m. Peter Huffman, Planning and Development Services, provided background information on the selection of Accela permitting software and the internal and external improvements for customer service. Discussion ensued over cost recovery, integration into our current system, and opportunities for collaboration.

Mayor Strickland moved to forward the professional services agreement with Accela, Inc. for web based permitting software to the full Council for consideration and approval. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Reid Bennion, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2013, and there will be a presentation from the Communication Services

Department regarding a tentative amendment to a recent franchise agreement at the December 18, 2013 meeting.

Other Items of Interest

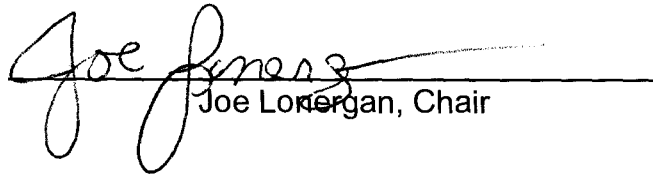
Chair Lonergan requested information regarding historical contracts with distinction between pre-bid estimates, approved estimates, and actual expenditures. City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated they will be able to look at the process after a four to six month review process has commenced.

Public Comment

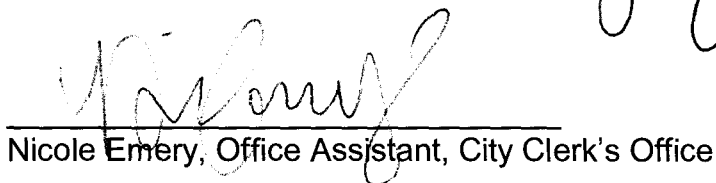
Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



Joe Lonergan, Chair



Nicole Emery, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office