



City of Tacoma

Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

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November 03, 2020

10:00 AM

Chair Lillian Hunter, Vice Chair Robert Thoms, John Hines,
Kristina Walker, Keith Blocker (alternate), Bryan Flint (ex officio)

Call To Order

Chair Hunter called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Hines, Hunter, Thoms and Walker

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [20-0794](#) Interviews for the Board of Ethics
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 10:01 a.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee that they will be interviewing four applicants for the Board of Ethics, and that there will be one position available, effective January 1, 2021, for a three-year term.

The Committee interviewed Aimee Sidhu, Camille Collins, Glendon McCallum, and Chelsea McElroy.

Discussion ensued regarding applicants' qualifications.

MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Chelsea McElroy to the Board of Ethics to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2021, to expire December 31, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 4 - Hines, Hunter, Thoms and Walker

2. [20-0796](#)

2021-2022 Proposed Fee Schedule

[Reid Bennion, Lead Budget Analyst, Finance]

At approximately 10:43 a.m., Reid Bennion, Lead Budget Analyst, Finance, presented the 2021-2022 fee schedule update, including a summary of changes; unneeded fees that were removed; updated fees; new fees, noting Equity 101 training for community members and public records requests for body camera video; and fees updated and moved from the Tacoma Municipal Code to the fee schedule.

Discussion ensued regarding fees for public records requests for body camera video; Equity 101 training; fees for other public disclosure requests; special events permit fees; outreach to past permit applicants; revenue generated from fees; Basic Life Support, Advanced Life Support, and transport fees; and the reduction in fire engine costs.

MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to recommend the proposed adjustments to the City’s General Government fee schedule to the full City Council for consideration.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 4 - Hines, Hunter, Thoms and Walker

3. [20-0797](#)

Responses to questions raised at the October 20, 2020, Government Performance and Finance Committee meeting

[Jackie Flowers, Director, Tacoma Public Utilities]

At approximately 11:24 a.m., Jackie Flowers, Director, Tacoma Public Utilities, introduced Bill Berry, Rates, Planning, and Analysis Manager.

Mr. Berry presented the responses to questions raised at the October 20, 2020, Government Performance and Finance Committee meeting, including the rate history for the five largest Tacoma Power customers, the history of revenues from wholesale customers, and the history of the Tacoma Power system average of rate increases.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding average rate increases, wholesale revenue, how the market affects rates, renewable and emission-free power, proposed rate increases, business rate increases, and the utilization of revenue.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [20-0795](#) November 17, 2020 - Interviews for the Audit Advisory Board

Bucoda Warren, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on November 17, 2020, and will include interviews for the Audit Advisory Board.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Hines requested information regarding the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Program.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Lillian Hunter, Chair

Mary Crabtree, City Clerk's Office