



City of Tacoma

Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248
Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 844 1669 0206
Webinar Link: www.zoom.us/j/84416690206 Passcode: 614650
August 01, 2023
10:00 AM

Call To Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Bushnell, Hines and Walker

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to continue Briefing Items 3 and 4 to a date to be determined or September 19, 2023, at the request of staff.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

Council Member Hines made a friendly amendment to strike "or September 19, 2023" from the motion.

The friendly amendment was accepted by Council Member Bushnell.

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

Ayes: 3 - Bushnell, Hines and Walker

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Briefing Items

1. [23-0780](#) New Comcast Cable TV Franchise Agreement
[Jeff Lueders, Cable Communications and Franchise Services Manager,
Media and Communications Office]

At approximately 10:04 a.m., Jeff Lueders, Cable Communications and Franchise Services Manager, Media and Communications Office, presented the new Comcast cable television franchise agreement, requesting consideration and approval of Ordinance No. 28900, including existing Comcast cable franchise, history of the renewal, negotiation teams, and key provisions of new franchise.

Discussion ensued regarding the letter of credit, right-of-way, provisions of the Tacoma Municipal Code needing to be followed, process going forward, utility taxes, telephone and cell phone tax, and General Fund dollars.

MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved the proposed Comcast cable television franchise Ordinance 28900 to the full City Council for consideration.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. the motion was adopted.

Ayes: 3 - Bushnell, Hines and Walker

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

2. [23-0781](#) Open Data Portal
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer, Office of Management and Budget;
Darryl Burgess, Senior Technology Project Manager, Information Technology]

At approximately 10:24 a.m., Katie Johnston, Budget Officer, Office of Management and Budget, introduced James Osundwa, Division Manager, Information Technology (IT), and presented on the Open Data portal, including background, project objectives, project accomplishments, open data standards and procedures, making data findable, and next steps. Osundwa introduced Christina Chelf, Technology Manager, IT Geographic Information System Services, who presented the website demonstration for the new Open Data portal.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding completed policies, roles and responsibilities, connecting to the site, which departments are participating, accessibility for students, public outreach, press releases, Open Data updates and possible reduction on public disclosure requests, service level agreements, directing people to the site, the Open Data site displayed on the banner of the City of Tacoma site, partnerships to add information to the Open Data portal, what file types and dashboards are available and which ones can be created, and requesting that Council Members promote the site.

3. [23-0782](#) Title 6 Amendments - Utility Tax Chapters
[Danielle Larson, Tax and license Manager, Finance]

This item was not addressed.

4. [23-0783](#) Title 6 Amendments - General Clean-Up
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager, Finance]

This item was not addressed.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. [23-0784](#) August 15, 2023 - Public Utility Board Interviews; Climate Commitment Act; Monthly Budget Update
September 5, 2023 - Cancelled
September 19, 2023 - Monthly Budget Update; Power Trading 101

At approximately 11:04 a.m., D'Angelo Baker, Committee Liaison, stated that the August 15, 2023, meeting will have Public Utility Board interviews, an overview of the Climate Commitment Act, and an update on the monthly budget; the September 5, 2023, meeting is canceled due to the Labor Day holiday; and the September 19, 2023, meeting will include a monthly budget update, and a presentation from Tacoma Public Utilities on Power Trading 101.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Hines discussed the process of the Public Utility Board interviews noting that there are seven applicants.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

John Hines, Chair

Kimberly Kerby, City Clerk's Office