



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

August 28, 2018

12:00 PM

JOINT MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the joint study session to order at 12:11 p.m.

Present: 8 - Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Beale

Council Member Hunter participated telephonically.

Public Utility Board Members:

Present: 4 - Cooley, Flint, Patterson, and Chair Jones

Absent: 1 - Larkin

Board Member Larkin arrived at 12:16 p.m.

Joint City Council/Public Utility Board Briefing Item

1. [18-0990](#) Presentation on the Click! Broadband Public Option Informational Study

At approximately 12:12 p.m., Bill Fosbre, City Attorney, made opening remarks and introduced Joanne Hovis, President, CTC Technology & Energy (CTC). Ms. Hovis provided information relative to Click! analysis of public and public-private collaboration models, including the agenda and background, noting CTC-developed options.

Board Member Larkin arrived here, at 12:16 p.m.

Ms. Hovis continued reviewing the City's 12 policy goals and the needed investment. She presented the public model, including its elements; the goal of the scenarios, reviewing Scenario 1: Tacoma Public Utility Estimate,

Scenario 2: Mid-range Estimate, and Scenario 3: High-end Estimate; scenario summary; and the summary of findings. Ms. Hovis then provided information on the public-private collaboration model, including its elements and the summary of findings. She concluded by reviewing next steps, including negotiation and a meeting date with the Public Utility Board.

Discussion ensued regarding the difference between the public model and the current system; how the tax fee will be generated, its source of revenue, and the authority; public model versus public-private model; the concern for fiscal impact on taxpayers; and the importance of the City's 12 policy goals, contract language, and robust public outreach. Discussion continued on risks associated with the models; the concern for not offering cable television; internet as a utility; the importance of a good, long-term contract and enforcement mechanisms; anticipated challenges; and the importance of providing options to the public and gathering public input.

The joint meeting adjourned and the City Council recessed at 1:18 p.m.

The regular study session reconvened at 1:26 p.m.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

2. [18-0991](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, August 23, 2018

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there is one proclamation, proclaiming the week of August 25-31, 2018 as Black Breastfeeding Week, and there are no changes to tonight's agenda.

Executive Session - Potential Litigation

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Beale

The Council convened to Executive Session at 1:28 p.m.
City Attorney Bill Fosbre and Chief Deputy City Attorney Tom Morrill were present.

The Executive Session was extended by 5 minutes at 1:43 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 1:48 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk