



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

September 01, 2015

12:00 PM

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### JOINT MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD

#### Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the joint study session to order at 12:03 p.m.

**Present:** 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Woodards

Council Member Woodards arrived at 12:25 p.m.

Tacoma Public Utility Board Members Present: 5 - Flint, Larkin, Patterson, Trudnowski and Wilson

Tacoma Public Utility Board Members Absent: 0

#### Joint City Council/Utility Board Briefing Items

1. [15-0909](#) Click! Network Update

At approximately 12:05 p.m., Bill Gaines, Director of Utilities, provided a brief background of the discussions held thus far and introduced Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent. Mr. Robinson introduced Doug Dawson, CCG Consulting. Mr. Dawson provided an update on future options for Click! Network, and discussed policy objectives, framework for an "all-in" retail option, and financing the initial start up cost.

Council Member Woodards arrived here, at 12:25 p.m.

Mr. Dawson continued discussing options for "all-in" retail scenarios, including general assumptions, possible expansion of Centurylink, requirements, data, improvements, and risks and uncertainties.

Discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding policy objectives, "all-in" options, fiber optic service, gigabit service, positive outcome from going "all-in" versus leasing, the triple play option, outsourcing, public outreach, state and federal law regarding utilities, restrictions on commission

based employees, subsidization, cost allocations, the wholesale option, and economic development.

Mayor Strickland requested a comparison between potential cost allocations for "all-in" and status quo scenarios. Board Member Larkin provided background information on the history of Click! Network.

Discussion continued regarding what option is best for Tacoma, purchasing internet service providers, assumptions, competition, values, and equal access.

### **City Council Briefing Items**

There were no City Council briefing items.

### **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.     [15-0910](#)     Weekly Report to the City Council, August 27, 2015  
At approximately 2:09 p.m., T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, stated there is one change to tonight's agenda, Item No. 15-0912, proclaiming October 2, 2015, as Tacoma-Pierce County Manufacturing Day, has been moved to the September 22, 2015 City Council meeting.

### **Executive Session - Director of Utilities Performance Review**

There was no Executive Session.

### **Adjournment**

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk