

AUG 29 2013
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

APPROVED 8-14-13

MINUTES
City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Study Session
July 24, 2013
3:00 p.m.

Chair Nelson called the Public Utility Board study session to order at 3:01 p.m. at the Public Utilities Administration Building.

Present: David Nelson, Mark Patterson, Bryan Flint, Woody Jones, Monique Trudnowski (left at 5:05)

Tacoma Power: Electrical Code Changes for Contractor Licensing

James Hellman, Chief Electrical Inspector, summarized recommended amendments to TMC 2.04.350, which relates to license requirements for contractor licenses. These amendments clarify license requirements; streamline employer exemptions; and promote safety. Staff will communicate these changes with stakeholders.

Tacoma Water: Water Quality Update

Chris McMeen, Deputy Water Superintendent, summarized water quality issues typical for this time of year. These include the liberation of accumulated sediment; algae; color caused by minerals; and taste and odor issues. Mr. McMeen outlined the mitigation efforts and how increasing ozone has improved the flavor rating assessment.

TPU Financial Report for Q2 2013

Tacoma Water: Sean Senescall, Rates and Financial Planning Manager, detailed the forecast assumptions; summary of outlook; water sales and revenues, revenue and expense summary, and estimated current fund cash projection.

Tacoma Power: Ted Coates, Power Superintendent, detailed the forecast assumptions; summary of outlook; electric retail sales and revenues; bulk power (wholesale) sales and revenues; revenue and expense summaries; and estimated current fund cash projection.

Tacoma Rail: Dale King, Rail Superintendent, detailed the summary of assumptions and summary of financial situation. Graphs illustrating intermodal volumes, commercial volumes, and switching revenue were shared. Adjusted estimates, quarter forecast comparison, and estimated current fund cash projection were summarized.

TPU State and Federal Legislative Policy Initiatives Report

Bob Mack, Deputy Director for Public Affairs, provided introductory remarks and introduced James Evans of Gordon Thomas Honeywell. Clark Mather, Government Relations Analyst, summarized federal issues that are TPU-wide and for Power, Water, and Rail. Lisa Rennie, Government Relations Analyst, summarized state issues that are TPU-wide and for Power and Rail. Mr. Mack summarized state issues pertaining to Water.

Miscellaneous

Director Gaines briefed the Board on the Council vote of July 23 which places Proposition One on the ballot in November.

Adjournment

The study session was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled study session on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

Approved:

David S. Nelson, Cháir

Approved

2