



# 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  
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**March 07, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

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Chair John Hines, Vice Chair Joe Bushnell, Kristina Walker,  
Sarah Rumbaugh, Kiara Daniels (alternate),  
Carlos Watson (ex officio)

### Call To Order

Chair Hines called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 4 - Bushnell, Hines, Rumbaugh and Walker

Audit Advisory Board Members:

Present: 1 - O'Loughlin

Absent: 2 - Ball and Claus-McGahan

Board Member Claus-McGahan arrived at 10:06 a.m.

Board Member Ball arrived at 10:16 a.m.

Board Member Ball participated virtually.

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**MOTION: Vice Chair Bushnell moved to continue Item No. 4, regarding the amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 6A.50, to a date to be determined, at the request of staff.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Bushnell, Hines, Rumbaugh and Walker

## Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

## Approval of Minutes

1. [23-0225](#) Approval of the minutes of the November 15, 2022 meeting.

**MOTION: Vice Chair Bushnell moved to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2022, meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Bushnell, Hines, Rumbaugh and Walker

## Briefing Items

2. [23-0226](#) Moss Adams 2022 Entrance Conference  
[Olga Darlington, Partner, Moss Adams]

At approximately 10:05 a.m., Olga Darlington, Partner, Moss Adams LLP, provided opening remarks and presented the 2022 audit entrance conference.

Board Member Claus-McGahan arrived here, at 10:06 a.m.

Darlington continued by reviewing an agenda; the 2022 Service Team leads; scope of services, noting an annual audit and limited procedures; audit deliverables; responsibilities; consideration of fraud in a financial statement audit; the audit timeline; and recent accounting developments from 2022 and future accounting developments for 2023-2024, noting Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) statements.

Discussion ensued regarding the agreed upon procedures and report to the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the Thea Foss Waterway, noting what the report addresses.

Board Member Ball arrived here, at 10:16 a.m.

Discussion continued regarding the consideration of fraud in a financial statement audit, noting irregularities versus material misstatements; the expected date to receive the auditors report; GASB Statement No. 87, noting the purposed and impacts of the change; the State Auditor's Office audit

versus the Moss Adams audit; if it's common practice for cities to contract with a third party to handle part of the audit process; the total cost of the contract for auditing services; GASB Statement No. 96, noting examples of the changes; and GASB Statement No. 101, noting tracking potential compensated absences and liability.

3. [23-0227](#) Amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code 6A.130  
[Danielle Larson, Tax & License Division Manager, Finance]

At approximately 10:27 a.m., Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager, Finance, presented the proposed amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 6A.130, relating to Local Solid Waste Customer Excise Tax, including an overview, background, issues, proposed revisions, recommendations, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the exemption of collecting taxes for both public and private disposal services facilities, taxes that private haulers collect and how the City receives that money, how Schnitzer Steel would be charged, and if tree trimmings would be exempt from the tax.

**MOTION: Vice Chair Bushnell moved to forward the proposed amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 6A.1306A.130, relating to Local Solid Waste Customer Excise Tax, to the full City Council for consideration.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Bushnell, Hines, Rumbaugh and Walker

4. [23-0228](#) Amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code 6A.50  
[Danielle Larson, Tax & License Division Manager, Finance]

Item No. 4 was continued to a date to be determined earlier in the meeting.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. [23-0229](#) March 21, 2023 - Civil Service Board Quarterly Update; Monthly Budget Update  
April 4, 2023 - Tacoma Power Financial Overview  
April 18, 2023 - Tacoma Power KeyBank Note Purchase Agreement  
Proposed Amendment; Monthly Budget Update

Joe Franco, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on

March 21, 2023, and will include updates from the Civil Service Board and the monthly budget; the April 4, 2023, meeting will include a presentation on Tacoma Power's financial overview; and the April 18, 2023, meeting will include a presentation on the proposed amendment to the Tacoma Power KeyBank Note Purchase Agreement, and an update on the monthly budget.

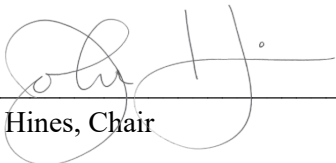
### **Other Items of Interest**

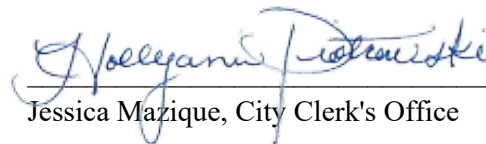
Council Member Rumbaugh expressed interest in receiving clarifying information on auditing obligations and the long-term financial outlook for the City.

Chair Hines informed everyone that Civil Service Board Chair Hansen will be attending the quarterly update at the March 21, 2023, meeting.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

  
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John Hines, Chair

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Jessica Mazique, City Clerk's Office