

WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL
November 7, 2013

Members of the City Council
City of Tacoma, Washington

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

ACTION REQUESTED

1. As a reminder, **City offices will be closed on Monday, November 11th in honor of Veterans Day.**

TOPICS OF INTEREST

2. Interim Information Technology Director Jack Kelanic is pleased to report that the **City is being recognized for its top-ten ranking in the 2013 Digital Cities Survey** and its progress in building a Digital City at the National League of Cities (NLC) Event next week in Seattle. The City has leveraged technology by providing cleaner and more functional web sites, new online payment options, a citizen request portal called CityQA, and established basic 311 telephone services connecting citizens with the City. The award reception will take place Friday, November 15th, 5:30-7:30 p.m., on the third floor of Union Tower in the Sheraton Seattle Hotel, located at 1400 Sixth Avenue, Seattle.
3. Attached for your information is a list of **important themes that staff identified while attending recent Neighborhood Council meetings**. This list does not include all issues addressed by Neighborhood Councils, nor is it a list of priority issues as selected by the Neighborhood Councils. The issues identified were selected by staff as themes that should be brought to the attention of the City Manager and City staff.
4. The **agenda for the Public Utility Board meeting on November 13, 2013**, is attached for your information.

STUDY SESSION/WORK SESSION

5. The **City Council Study Session** of Tuesday, November 12, 2013, will be held in Room 16 of the Tacoma Municipal Building North, at Noon. Discussion items will be: (1) **Six-Year Transportation Program**; (2) **Other Items of Interest**; (3) **Agenda Review**, and (4) **Closed Session – Labor Negotiations**.

At Tuesday's Study Session, Public Works staff will present the **proposed amendments to the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Amended 2013-2014 & 2015-2020**. The Revised Code of Washington requires each city and town to annually update their comprehensive transportation program for the ensuing six calendar years and hold a public hearing. Public outreach has included a presentation to the Cross District Association, Community Council and the Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee. A public hearing is proposed for November 26th, and staff recommends adoption by the end of the year.

6. The updated **Tentative City Council Forecast Calendar** is attached for your information.

GRANT AWARDS

7. The City was awarded the following grant:
- **Department of Homeland Security - Emergency Management Performance Grant Program** – The Fire Department has been awarded funding to enhance and sustain all-hazards emergency management capabilities within the City of Tacoma. All activities funded by the grant must relate to the prevention, protection, response and recovery elements of emergency management. The City was awarded \$79,080, with a City match of \$79,080 required, which is earmarked in the biennial budget.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

8. You have been invited to the following events:
- **Reception and Presentation by Hedrick Smith of his book “Who Stole the American Dream” on Thursday, November 14th, 6:00 p.m.**, University of Washington Tacoma, William Philip Hall, located at 1918 Pacific Avenue.
 - **Computer Clubhouse of Tacoma’s Screening of American Promise on Thursday, November 14th, 5:30 p.m.**, Lakewood AMC Theater, located at 5721 Main Street Southwest, Lakewood.
 - **Lecture and Panel Discussion by Hedrick Smith of his book “Who Stole the American Dream” on Friday, November 15th, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, University of Washington Tacoma, Tacoma Room; located at 1900 Commerce Street.
 - **STAR Communities Education Session at the NLC’s 2013 Congress of Cities on Thursday, November 14th, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.**, located at the Washington State Convention Center, 800 Convention Place, Seattle.
 - **STAR Communities Meet and Greet at NLC’s 2013 Congress of Cities on Thursday, November 14th, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**, located at the Washington State Convention Center, 800 Convention Place, Seattle.

- **STAR Communities Recognition Event at NLC's 2013 Congress of Cities on Saturday, November 16th, 12:30 p.m.**, located at the Washington State Convention Center, 800 Convention Place, Seattle.
- **Street Name Dedication Ceremony in honor of Bob Dahl, on Monday, November 18th, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**, located at Lowell Elementary School, 810 Mr. Dahl Drive.

Sincerely,



Tansy Hayward
Acting City Manager

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Attachments

Neighborhood Council Districts

Oct 4 – Nov 1, 2013

Neighborhood Council Districts in the City of Tacoma are assigned a liaison from the City Manager's Office. Anita Gallagher, Carmen White, Julie Stoltman, Reid Bennion, Christina Watts, Shari Hart, and Carol Wolfe serve as the staff liaisons to the Councils. City Manager's Office Liaisons report on important issues to the Neighborhood Councils, facilitate communication between Neighborhood Councils and other City staff, and keep the City Manager informed of issues that are important to the Neighborhood Councils.

Listed below are important themes that were identified while attending recent Neighborhood Council meetings. This list does not include all issues addressed by Neighborhood Councils nor is it a list of priority issues as selected by the Neighborhood Councils. The issues identified below were selected as themes that should be brought to the attention of the City Manager and City staff.

Common Themes

- Candidates Forum

Neighborhood Specific Themes

Community Council

- Prop 1 Presentation
- PASS Initiative

Cross District Association (CDA)

- Business District Sidewalk Project
- Benefits of bicyclists
- Possible BIAs in NBDs

Central

- No meeting

Eastside

- Pipeline Trail expansion
- Assistance for enrolling in healthcare plans available at Salishan

New Tacoma

- Conor McCarthy, Sale of City Street Operations Facilities
- Nominations for 2014 officers

North End

- Candidates Forum

Northeast Tacoma

- Candidates Forum

South Tacoma

- Candidates Forum

South End

- November Elections
- Youth Involvement/Mentoring Program

West End

- Diane Wiatr top 4 bikeways
- Request for CED Director to come back
- TPS Feb. 11 levy



**City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
November 13, 2013; 6:30 p.m.
Tacoma Public Utilities Auditorium
(3628 South 35th Street)**

Call to Order

Roll Call

- A. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings**
- B. Comments by the Public**
- C. Consent Agenda**
- D. Regular Agenda**

Departmental

- D-1 Resolution U-10666 – Award contracts and approve purchases:**
 - 1. Award contract to Cobalt Truck Equipment LLC for the purchase of two Ford F550 trucks with a service crane and rail gear and one Ford F350 pickup truck with rail gear (\$305,500, plus applicable sales tax);**
 - 2. Award three-year contract to Sharp Business Systems for the lease and maintenance of copiers and multifunction devices (\$500,000 for lease and \$500,000 for maintenance, plus option for three additional one-year renewal periods. Cumulative total \$2,000,000, plus sales tax);**
 - 3. Award contract to Redside Construction LLC for construction of the Potlatch Transmission Lines North Bay Crossing rebuild (\$1,934,000, plus sales tax);**
 - 4. Award contract to Mosaic Crop Nutrition and JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc., for the supply of water treatment chemicals (\$245,532 and \$393,440 respectively. Cumulative total for both contracts \$638,972, sales tax not applicable);**
 - 5. Award contract to Pape and Sons Construction, Inc., for the replacement of acquired asbestos-cement water mains in the City of University Place (\$272,144.10, plus sales tax);**
 - 6. Award contract to Coast Rail, Inc., for rehabilitation of railroad tracks numbered 8 and 9 in the Tacoma Rail classification Yard (\$847,110, plus a \$25,000 contingency for a cumulative total of \$872,110, plus sales tax).**
- D-2 Motion 13-12 - Authorize the purchase of railroad liability insurance effective December 1, 2013 through December 1, 2014.**
- D-3 Motion 13-13 – Authorize amendment of the 2013-2014 biennial budget for Tacoma Rail to include additional appropriations for contractual obligations, transfers, and other budget adjustments.**

Tacoma Power

A Public Hearing will be held regarding the adoption of the ten-year and biennial conservation targets as required by WAC 194-37-070 implementing the Energy Independence Act.

D-4 U-10667 – Approve conservation targets as required by regulations implementing the Energy Independence Act.

H. Reports of the Director

H-1 September Financials for Power and Rail

H-2 Third Quarter 2013 Budget Performance Report for Power, Water, and Rail



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**City of Tacoma 2013-2014
City Council Forecast**

Date	Meeting	Subject	Department
November 12, 2013	Study Session	Six-Year Transportation Program	PW
	City Council Meeting	Public Hearing on Property/EMS Levy Ordinance	Finance
November 19, 2013	Study Session	Multi City Portal - Branding and Website	Finance
	Committee of the Whole	Multi City Portal - Interlocal Agreement	Finance
	City Council Meeting		
November 26, 2013	Study Session	2013/2014 Mid-Biennium Budget Modification	Finance
		2014 State and Federal Legislative Agenda	GRO
	City Council Meeting	Public Hearing on Mid-Biennial Budget Modification	Finance
December 3, 2013	Joint Utility Board Study Session	MyAccount – Website Upgraded for Customer Payments	TPU
		Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Conservation meeting future load	TPU
		Mountain Rail Division Annual Review	PW/Tacoma Rail
	Study Session	South Downtown Subarea Plan & EIS	PDS
	Committee of the Whole		
	City Council Meeting	Mid-Biennial Modification Presentation	Finance
December 10, 2013	Study Session	MLK Subarea Plan & EIS	PDS
	City Council Meeting		
December 17, 2013	Study Session	Tacoma Link Expansion	GRO/Sound Transit
	Committee of the Whole		
	City Council Meeting		
December 24, 2013		CANCELLED	
December 31, 2013		CANCELLED	
2014			
January 7, 2014	Study Session		
	Committee of the Whole		
	City Council Meeting		
January 14, 2014	Study Session		
	City Council Meeting		
January 21, 2014	Study Session	Overview of STAR Project	CMO/EPS
	Committee of the Whole		
	City Council Meeting		
January 28, 2014	Study Session		
	City Council Meeting		
February 4, 2014	Study Session		
	Committee of the Whole		
	City Council Meeting		
February 11, 2014	Study Session		
	City Council Meeting		