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SUBJECT: Council Rules of Procedure
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PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:
The Government Performance and Finance Committee has asked for an informational briefing regarding the scope of the City’s Council’s authority to establish and amend the City Council rules of procedure.

BACKGROUND:
The Tacoma City Charter grants the City Council full authority to establish rules of procedure governing meetings of the council and its committees. This authority is subject to limitations imposed under federal and state law and the common law (judicial case law). The presentation to the Committee is intended to highlight those limitations.

ISSUE:
The topic is the scope of the authority of the City Council to establish and amend the City Council rules of procedure.

ALTERNATIVES:
This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:
This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:
This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.