



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

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**November 07, 2023**

**12:00 PM**

### JOINT MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD

#### Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Walker called the joint study session to order at 12:00 p.m.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines and Walker

**Absent:** 3 - Rumbaugh, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Public Utility Board Members

**Present:** 5 - Bridges, Claus-McGahan, Gallagher, O'Loughlin, and Watson

Council Member Rumbaugh arrived at 12:04 p.m.

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

1. [23-1086](#) Assisting Income-Constrained Customers / Anti-Displacement Efforts

At approximately 12:01 p.m., Jackie Flowers, Director of Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) provided a brief overview on TPU's anti-displacement efforts; and introduced Francine Artis, Division Manager, TPU Customer Services, and Lis Saunders, Assistant Section Manager, Tacoma Power. Artis began the presentation with a brief history of utility bill assistance programs, and Bill Credit Assistance Plan (BCAP).

Council Member Rumbaugh arrived here, at 12:04 p.m.

Artis continued with recent BCAP program changes, BCAP enrollment qualifications, 2023 monthly credit amounts, what success looks like, enrollment status, enrollment map, outreach efforts, promotional activities and materials, and next steps. Saunders presented background on the Income Qualified Rental Program (IQRP), including residential conservation for income constrained customers, program development, incentives, program details, progress to date, enrollment applicant map, program promotion, collaboration and working together, lessons learned, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding who has applied to IQRP, outreach, BCAP enrollment goals, BCAP events, excitement for the programs and their strategies, IQRP specific units, team members of IQRP, IQRP tenant qualification versus landlord qualification, BCAP qualifications, BCAP cost allocation, IQRP pace of completion, BCAP agency collaboration, BCAP eligible households, and cultural ambassadors' partnership.

2. [23-1085](#) State and Federal Legislative Priorities

At approximately 12:45 p.m., Sonja Hallum, Chief Government Affairs Officer, City Manager's Office (CMO) introduced Rosa McLeod, Senior Government Affairs Advisor, CMO, Clark Mather, Community and Government Relations Manager, TPU, Logan Bahr, State Relations Manager, TPU, Briahna Murray, State Lobbyist and Partner, Gordon Thomas Honeywell, and Jen Covino, President, Simon and Company; and provided a brief overview of state and federal legislative priorities; 2024 General Government state policy positions including safety; housing and homelessness; jobs; access; health; and additional policy positions, noting participatory budgeting and local control.

Discussion ensued regarding murals on City rights-of-ways, capital improvement funds, litter and trash funding, extreme weather funding, and wildfire relief.

Hallum continued with funding and policy requests. Murray provided further information on the upcoming legislative session.

Discussion continued regarding emergency shelter operations strategy, support of lifting the one percent growth limit factor on property tax, and Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge funding.

Bahr presented the 2024 TPU state priorities, including TPU-wide, Tacoma Water, Tacoma Rail, and Tacoma Power.

Discussion continued regarding zero emissions.

McLeod presented the 2024 federal policy positions, including jobs; access; health; environment; and additional policy positions, noting local control and daylight savings.

Discussion continued regarding daylight savings, childcare, the Inflation Reduction Act, and partnerships around climate.

McLeod continued with suggested priorities, noting Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge, housing and homelessness, community violence reduction, and climate mitigation and adaptation. Covino further reviewed the childcare cliff concept, variances, 2024 budget, new Speaker of the House, earmarking, priorities for funding, federal grant tracking, and Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge funding. Mather concluded with government relations collaboration, and 2024 TPU federal priorities, noting TPU-wide, Tacoma Water, Tacoma Power, and Tacoma Rail.

Discussion concluded regarding appreciation for the government relations team, Public Works Assistance Account, Move Ahead Washington Account, and providing information to the public.

The joint study session concluded at 1:58 p.m.

The regular study session convened at 2:03 p.m.

## City Council Briefing Items

### 3. [23-1090](#) Tacoma Violent Crime Reduction Plan Year 1 Results

At approximately 2:04 p.m., Avery Moore, Chief, Tacoma Police Department (TPD), provided opening remarks on the Violent Crime Reduction Plan, and introduced Dr. Rob Tillyer and Dr. Mike Smith, Professors, University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA). Smith presented a project background, hot spots policing strategy, year one analysis plan, five-year trend of violent incidents, interrupted time series results, five-year trend of violent victimization, change by crime type, violent crime change in hot spots, changes in arrests and calls for service, treatment fidelity, year one summary, next steps for mid-term strategy, and UTSA evaluation.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation for police officers' commitment to the plan; Hosmer Street; monitoring stage; administrative challenges; measure of fewer arrests; hot spot drop in comparison to a general trend; change in arrests in relationship to calls for service; data on violent crimes, noting demographics of all crime; youth crime; property and auto theft crimes; and next steps.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [23-1087](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, November 2, 2023

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are three ceremonials on tonight's meeting agenda, proclaiming Saturday, November 11, 2023, as Veterans Appreciation Day, proclaiming November 2023 as Native American History Month, and a Compassionate Tacoma Recognition for the 100th Anniversary of the Blue Mouse Theatre. She concluded by stating no changes are expected to tonight's agenda.

## Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Nicole Emery, City Clerk