



City of Tacoma

Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

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November 07, 2023

10:00 AM

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

Call To Order

Chair Hines called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Bushnell, Hines and Walker

Absent: 1 - Rumbaugh

Council Member Rumbaugh arrived at 10:07 a.m.

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Council Member Rumbaugh arrived here, at 10:07 a.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Briefing Items

1. [23-1092](#) Board of Ethics Interviews
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk]

At approximately 10:07 a.m., Nicole Emery, City Clerk, informed the Committee that they would be interviewing four applicants for the Board of Ethics to fill one position, effective January 1, 2024, for a three year term.

The Committee interviewed Jesus Carlos and Collin Thrower. Nelson Rascon was not able to attend and provided written answers to the interview questions for consideration along with his interview in June of 2023; and Chelsea McElroy, applying for reappointment, was not able to attend today.

Discussion ensued regarding waiting until Chelsea McElroy and Nelson Rascon are able to interview, and request for the City Clerk's office to follow up with both to reschedule.

2. [23-1093](#) Informational Briefing on the City's Litter Code
[Keith Echterling, Deputy City Attorney; Council Member Hines]

At Approximately 10:25 a.m., Keith Echterling, Deputy City Attorney, provided opening remarks on the City's litter code. Chair Hines presented an overview, noting how to encourage the public to not litter; and scope of the problem. Echterling continued by defining litter, noting the Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC); RCW tiered framework, noting penalties; the RCW definition of potentially dangerous litter; comparison of the RCW and TMC; enforcement; recommendations and policy considerations; and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding fees for unsecured loads at the disposal center; fees for failure to secure a load on the roadway; enforcement; how many infractions are written per year; human waste; belongings versus litter; potentially dangerous litter; exceptions to the law; curbside glass recycling; providing more trash receptacles; dumping of construction materials; tiered penalties; other cities that have adopted the tiered approach to penalties; laws around presumptions on who did the dumping; education for proper disposal; and outreach for increasing penalty fees.

3. [23-1094](#) Tacoma Power Proposed 2024 Financing Transactions
[Michelle Brown, Financial Planning Supervisor, Tacoma Power]

At approximately 11:13 a.m., Michelle Brown, Financial Planning Supervisor, Tacoma Power, presented Tacoma Power's proposed 2024 financing transactions, including an overview of the financing plan; background; series 2024 bonds, noting 2017 and 2021 bond issuance; refunding bonds that produce a savings; source and use of funds; delegation of parameters, noting Washington State law; financing team; and current schedule.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding Tacoma Power's proposed 2024 financing transactions.

MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to forward the proposed ordinance to issue up to \$225 million in 2024 Electric System Revenue Bonds, 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

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [23-1095](#) November 21, 2023 - Title 6 Amendments - Green Job Credits; Low Carbon Fuel Standards
December 5, 2023 - Charter Review Committee Interviews
December 19, 2023 - Monthly Budget Update


D'Angelo Baker, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on November 21, 2023, and will include TMC Title 6 amendments related to green job credits, low carbon fuel standards, and an ordinance to update Chapter 3.11 to codify Proposition 1; the December 5, 2023, meeting will include Charter Review Committee interviews; and the December 19, 2023, meeting will include a monthly budget update, noting that this is the final meeting for the year. Chair Hines added that the December 5, 2023, meeting will start early at 8:30 a.m., for the Charter Review Committee interviews, and explained the interview process.

Other Items of Interest

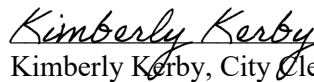
There were no other items of interest.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.



John Hines, Chair



Kimberly Kerby, City Clerk's Office