



Joint Government Performance and Finance Committee and Audit Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

October 16, 2013

Chair Lonergan called the joint meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Ibsen (alternate), Lonergan, and Thoms.

Council Committee Members Absent: Campbell (arrived at 4:47 p.m.) and Mayor Strickland.

Audit Advisory Board Members Present: Nelson.

Audit Advisory Board Members Absent: Jones.

Approval of October 2, 2013 Minutes

Council Member Thoms moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Ibsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

City of Tacoma Fiscal Year 2012 Federal Program Audit

At approximately 4:38 p.m., Susan Ramirez, Assistant Finance Director, introduced Joe Simmons, Washington State Auditor's Office. Mr. Simmons reviewed the 2012 Federal Single Audit Exit Conference, including the federal single audit reports, programs audited, federal summary of findings, and the federal audit findings and questioned costs.

Deputy Mayor Campbell arrived here, at 4:47 p.m.

Mr. Simmons continued reviewing the audit, including recommendations, the City's response to the recommendations, and remarks from the Auditor. Discussion ensued regarding audit findings related to the Community Policing grants.

Fiscal Sustainability Update

At approximately 4:54 p.m., Ebony Peebles, Finance, provided an update on the Fiscal Sustainability Task Force, including background information, the mission, and duties. Ms. Ramirez then reviewed the Task Force timeline. City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated a draft report of the recommendations should be available in a few weeks. Discussion ensued regarding recommendations; external cost drivers for General Government; whether the report will include all recommendations, not just the consensus recommendations; the expectations of the Task Force; the consensus broad statements for efficiencies; how the information in the report will be presented; how the Task Force has been working together; and whether any recommendations were related to transportation. Ms. Ramirez

then reviewed the Task Force's problem statement, homework, and next steps. Mr. Broadnax stated staff will send a link to the Task Force page on the City's website to Committee members.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Reid Bennion, City Manager's Office, stated the tentative topic for the October 30, 2013 meeting is Accela permitting software; and the November 6, 2013 meeting may be cancelled due to a lack of quorum. He then noted a Fiscal Sustainability Task Force update has been tentatively scheduled for the December 4, 2013 meeting; and the year-end report will be discussed at the last meeting of the year on December 18, 2013. Chair Lonergan requested the December 18, 2013 meeting include an item regarding fossil fuel divestment. Deputy Mayor Campbell requested staff schedule a performance review of the Committees, Boards, and Commissions committee assignments.

Other Items of Interest


There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.



Joe Lonergan, Chair



Linnea Meredith, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office