



City Charter Section 4.17 Shared Services

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Government Performance & Finance Committee

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ITEM 2



OVERVIEW



- Review the City Charter section 4.17 mandating the Dept. of Public Utilities (DPU) to use the services provided by General Government (GG).
- Review Res. No. 37750 implementing section 4.17

BACKGROUND



- Tacoma City Charter section 4.17 reads:
The Department of Public Utilities shall use the services of the City's General Government finance department, purchasing agent, law department, human resources/personnel department, and other City departments, offices, and agencies, *except as otherwise directed by the City Council.*

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BACKGROUND



- Council Resolution No.37550 (passed July 29, 2008)
- Implemented City Charter section 4.17 by:
 - Clarified and authorized DPU to offer or purchase services in four areas where such services are provided by GG
 - Affirmed that no additional consolidation of services was necessary at that time.

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BACKGROUND



- DPU authorized to offer or purchase services in four areas
 1. Operate stand-alone information technology systems in the DPU plants independently of the services offered by GG IT department.
 2. Continue to manage collection and billing related to customer services for GG and DPU utility customers.
 3. Retain lobbying services independently of GG lobby services; provided legislative agenda or position of GG and DPU are not in conflict.

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BACKGROUND



- DPU authorized to offer or purchase services in four areas - continued
 4. Manage its facilities separately from GG facilities, due to “unique factors” which makes consolidation unrealistic at this time.
- No additional consolidation is necessary at this time, and the requirement of Section 4.17 of the City Charter is fulfilled.

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