



# 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

May 7, 2014

Chair Lonergan called the joint meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Campbell, Lonergan, and Mayor Strickland.

Council Committee Members Absent: Thoms.

Audit Advisory Board Members Present: Jones and Nelson.

Audit Advisory Board Members Absent: None.

## **Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 30, 2014**

Council Member Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Mayor Strickland. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

## **State Auditor's Office Entrance Conference**

At approximately 4:37 p.m., Andy Cherullo, Finance Director, provided opening remarks, and introduced Tammy Bigelow and Joe Simmons, State Auditor's Office. Mr. Simmons reviewed the legal requirements and purpose of their audit, and audit reports, including the Moss Adams Audit Report on utilities, Financial Statement Audit, Federal Grant Compliance Audit, and Accountability Audit. He continued to review reporting levels for audit recommendations, audit costs and staffing, and expected communications. Discussion ensued regarding previous audits and audit results from other municipalities.

## **Moss Adams Audit Exit Conference**

At approximately 4:48 p.m., Mr. Cherullo provided opening remarks, and introduced Julie Desimone and Jennifer Chu from Moss Adams. Ms. Desimone reviewed auditing standards, and communications, including their planned scope, significant accounting policies and estimates, audit adjustments, risks and exposures, management judgments, and implementation of Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements 65, 67, and 68. Ms. Desimone and Audit Advisory Board Member Nelson reviewed staff support, reporting standard changes, and new GASB statements. Audit Advisory Board Member Jones reviewed the cleanup process for audits.

At 5:10 p.m., Chair Lonergan adjourned the joint Government Performance and Finance Committee and Audit Advisory Board meeting and called to order the Government Performance and Finance Committee meeting.

### **Taxi and For-Hire Transportation Services**

At approximately 5:11 p.m., Danielle Larson, Finance, provided information on current taxi cab regulations. Mayor Strickland provided information on why this conversation is occurring today. Ms. Larson continued to review the differences between ride share and taxi cab regulations, and options on how to regulate ride shares, including fees, and operational and appearance standards. Discussion ensued regarding current Transportation Network Companies (TNC) regulations, and requirements for business licenses, driver's licenses, and state insurance. Discussion ensued regarding demand, driver requirements, City operated regulations versus third party certifications, Pierce County licensing requirements, and City sponsored driving classes. Public comment was heard from James Abney, Danny Ertz, Ahmed Robie, Dawn Gearhart, Sergio Anastasio, Ashton Haldane, Kevin Waiters, Ali Neurbehesht, Micael Abraha, and Anthony Clinton regarding taxi and for-hire transportation services. Discussion continued regarding driver safety. Mayor Strickland requested information on when ride shares started.

### **Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

Christina Watts, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is May 21, 2014 with presentations relating to Fleet lease options analysis and General Government Fee Schedule. Discussion ensued regarding upcoming meeting topics relative to stand by location requirements for registered tow truck drivers, Tacoma Employees Retirement System audits, and additional discussion on for-hire transportation. Chair Lonergan stated Council will submit questions for staff to review relating to taxi and for-hire transportation services. Chair Lonergan requested staff review the regulations for taxis that could be removed without jeopardizing safety.

### **Other Items of Interest**

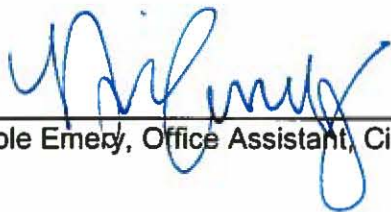
This topic was discussed earlier in the meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Council Member Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mayor Strickland. On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.



Nicole Emery, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office



Joe Lonergan, Chair



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