



# Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

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

February 19, 2014

Chair Lonergan called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Campbell, Lonergan, and Thoms.

Council Committee Members Absent: Mayor Strickland (arrived at 4:46 p.m.)

## **Approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 5, 2014**

Council Member Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

## **Wholesale Customer Water Rates**

At approximately 4:36 p.m., Chris McMeen, Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU), Water Quality Deputy Superintendent, made opening remarks and introduced Sean Senescall, TPU, Water Rates and Financial Planning Manager. Mr. McMeen reviewed supply and demand, and wholesale demands. Mr. Senescall reviewed contracts and rates.

Mayor Strickland arrived here, at 4:46 p.m.

Mr. Senescall continued to review market supply and demand, wholesale rates, maximizing net revenue, market analysis, potential costs, and contract concepts. Bill Fosbre, Deputy City Attorney, reviewed legal considerations relating to the Tacoma Municipal Code, Tacoma City Charter, Washington State Law, the Foster Pepper review, and the City Attorney's Office review. Mr. McMeen reviewed recommendations and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding supply, groundwater, market analysis, protected service areas, timelines, short term agreements, legal responsibility, ownership, water conservation, investments, capacities, contract obligations, market pricing, future demand, water treatment, infrastructure costs, water wells, and agreement lengths.

Mayor Strickland moved to forward the recommendations for the Tacoma Public Utilities wholesale customer water rates to the full Council. Seconded by Council Member Campbell. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

## **Government Performance and Finance Committee 2014 Work Planning**

At approximately 5:38 p.m., Chair Lonergan opened the floor for discussion regarding potential work plan topics for this Committee. Discussion ensued regarding presentations relating to the Fiscal Sustainability Task Force; Tacoma Employees' Retirement System Report; Audit Advisory Board; Committees, Boards, and Commissions interviews;

Environmental Services rates; leasing versus buying vehicle analysis; and Public Works Fleet Services.

**Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

This item was discussed during Government Performance and Finance Committee 2014 Work Planning.

**Other Items of Interest**

Council Member Campbell moved to elect Joe Lonergan as Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee. Seconded by Mayor Strickland. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Mayor Strickland moved to elect Marty Campbell as Vice Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.


Discussion continued regarding potential topics for the Government Performance and Finance Committee work plan relating to Comcast and taxi cab services.


**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

  
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Nicole Emery, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office

  
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Joe Lonergan, Chair