



TO: Mayor Woodards
FROM: Doris Sorum, City Clerk, City Attorney’s Office
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COPY: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; and City Council
SUBJECT: Resolution – Reappointing Karen Larkin to the Tacoma Public Utility Board –
May 29, 2020
DATE: June 16, 2020

SUMMARY:

Reappointing Karen Larkin to the Tacoma Public Utility Board to serve a five-year term, effective July 1, 2020, to expire June 30, 2025.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Mayor Woodards

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

Appointing to the Board best aligns with the strategic priority policy related to encouraging and promoting an open, effective, results-oriented organization because the Tacoma Public Utility Board acts as the governing body for Tacoma Public Utilities.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Tacoma City Charter Sections 4.8 and 2.4, the Mayor appoints the members of the Public Utility Board, which must be confirmed by a majority of the City Council. To comply with Governor Inslee’s recently extended Proclamation 20-28 that was issued on March 24, 2020, suspending portions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the appointment process has been delayed until the end of the COVID-19 emergency measures. Ms. Larkin was appointed to the Tacoma Public Utility Board by Resolution No. 39250 on August 4, 2015 for a five year term to expire on June 30, 2020.

At this time Mayor Woodards is recommending the reappointment of Ms. Larkin to the Tacoma Public Utility Board to maintain consistency in the Tacoma Public Utility leadership during the COVID-19 crisis.

ISSUE:

One position needs to be filled on the Tacoma Public Utility Board.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board would operate without full membership.

RECOMMENDATION:

Mayor Woodards recommends the reappointment of Ms. Larkin to the Tacoma Public Utility Board.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.