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SUBJECT: Resolution – Setting Tuesday, June 10, 2014 as Public Hearing Date – June 3, 2014
DATE: May 20, 2014

SUMMARY:

A Resolution setting Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at approximately 5:30 p.m. as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed amendments to the City Charter as recommended by the 2014 Charter Review Committee; and all other potential amendments.

The 2014 Charter Review Committee (“Committee”) was convened by the City Council to commence a comprehensive review of the City Charter and make recommendations for changes as it deems necessary and proper to improve the mode and manner of operation and efficiency in conducting the affairs of the City. The Committee concluded their review in April of 2014. This public hearing will allow citizens to provide input to the City Council on the proposed amendments contained in the Final Report, and on all other potential amendments.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

N/A

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Encourage and promote an open, effective, results-oriented organization.

BACKGROUND:

On November 12, 2013, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 38773, which created a Charter Review committee, consisting of 15 persons. The Mayor and each City Council member recommended one person for appointment to the Committee and the Government Performance and Finance Committee recommended the appointment of six persons. The Charter Review Committee and its five subcommittees met a total of approximately 59 times to complete its work, from January to April 2014. On May 6, 2014, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 38900, accepting the final report and recommendations of the 2014 Charter Review Committee. The final report is available for review at the following link: www.cityoftacoma.org/charterreview

ISSUE:

The City Council will continue the discussion on the proposed amendments to the City Charter through this public hearing as well as special meetings of the City Council to be held on Tuesday, June 17 and Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council is not required by law to conduct a public hearing and could obtain public comment through other means such as written communication.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council set the public hearing date of Tuesday June 10, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.