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SUBJECT: Resolution – Appointing For and Against Committee Members for Initiative No. 1B concerning establishing a minimum wage for the City of Tacoma – July 28, 2015
DATE: July 9, 2015

SUMMARY:

A resolution appointing individuals to committees that will prepare statements “for” and “against” Initiative No. 1B concerning establishing a minimum wage for the City of Tacoma, which will appear in the voters’ pamphlet for the November 3, 2015, general election.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

This item best aligns with the strategic priority policy to encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents, by appointing citizens to draft statements relative to a current issue that will impact the future of the city.

BACKGROUND:

On July 14, 2015, the City Council is considering a resolution transmitting a ballot measure to the Pierce County Auditor to be placed on the ballot for the General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

Per RCW 29A.32.280, for each measure from a unit of local government that is included in a local voters' pamphlet, the legislative authority of that jurisdiction shall, not later than forty-five days before the publication of the pamphlet, formally appoint a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' approval of the measure and shall formally appoint a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' rejection of the measure.

The Government Performance and Finance Committee will consider letters of interest at the special meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2015, and provide a recommendation.

ISSUE:

Individuals need to be appointed to serve on For and Against Committees and submitted to the Pierce County Auditor by August 4, 2015.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the City fails to appoint at least one individual to the For and Against Committees and transmit such names to the Pierce County Auditor by August 4, 2015, the Auditor’s Office will seek out and, whenever possible, appoint up to three members to each committee to be appointed in the order that requests for qualified applicants are received.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests the City Council appoint individuals to serve on For and Against Committees.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.