



# City of Tacoma

## Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 844 1669 0206

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**April 23, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

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Chair John Hines, Vice Chair Joe Bushnell, Kiara Daniels,  
Sarah Rumbaugh, Kristina Walker (alternate),  
Carlos Watson (ex officio)

### SPECIAL MEETING

#### Call To Order

Chair Hines called the special meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Bushnell, Daniels and Hines

**Absent:** 1 - Rumbaugh

#### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### Briefing Items

1. [24-0440](#) Monthly Budget Update - 2023 Year End and 2024 First Quarter Report  
[Kathryn Johnston, Budget Officer; Reid Bennion, Financial Manager,  
Office of Management and Budget]

At approximately 10:03 a.m., Reid Bennion, Financial Manager, Office of Management and Budget, presented the monthly budget update 2023 year-end and 2024 first quarter report including the agenda; 2023 General Fund revenues, noting sales tax is under performing; 2023 General Fund expenses; other 2023 revenue updates, noting funds for permits, parking, and real estate excise tax; first quarter 2024 General Fund revenues, noting sales tax is down compared to budgeted amounts, and business tax; and the 2025-2026 budget roadmap.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding tracking sales tax, revenue and construction tax, and sales tax performance month by month.

2. [24-0444](#) Tacoma Municipal Code 12.10 Rate Additions  
[Andrew Zaremba, Principal Data Analyst, Tacoma Water]

At approximately 10:14 a.m., Andrew Zaremba, Principal Data Analyst, Tacoma Water, presented the proposed rate additions to Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 12.10 including an overview; background, noting impacts of the WestRock paper mill closure in 2023; issues; proposed revisions, noting residential, commercial, and large volume-ready to serve charges; alternatives; recommendations; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding how many locations are served by a 20 inch meter, other customers needing 20 inch meters, and continued communication with WestRock.

**MOTION: Vice Chair Bushnell moved to forward the proposed recommended additions to Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 12.10 that will allow continuity of billing to WestRock, to the full City Council for consideration.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 3 - Bushnell, Daniels and Hines

**Absent:** 1 - Rumbaugh

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [24-0446](#) May 7, 2024 - Short-Term Rental Informational Briefing;  
Planning Development Services Fee Schedule - Tree Protection Fees;  
Tacoma Public Utilities' 2023 Annual Residential  
Customer Satisfaction Study
- May 21, 2024 - Public Utility Board Interviews; Monthly Budget Update;  
Moss Adams 2023 Audit Exit Conference;  
State Auditor's Office 2022 Accountability Audit Exit Conference;  
State Auditor's Office 2023 Financial Audit Entrance Conference
- June 4, 2024 - Tacoma Power Rate Stabilization Fund Reserves and Policy;  
Civil Service Board Check-In

D'Angelo Baker, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on May 7, 2024, and will include presentations on short-term rentals, Planning Development Services tree protection fees, and Tacoma Public Utilities'

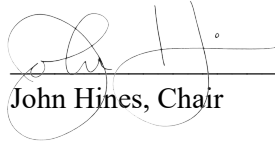
2023 annual residential customer satisfaction study; May 21, 2024, will be a joint Audit Advisory Board meeting and will include Public Utility Board interviews, monthly budget update, Moss Adams 2023 audit exit conference, and the State Auditor's Office 2023 financial audit entrance conference; and the June 4, 2024, meeting will include a presentation on Tacoma Power rate stabilization fund reserves and policy, and a check in with the Civil Service Board.

### **Other Items of Interest**

There were no other items of interest.


### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the special meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.



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John Hines, Chair



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Kimberly Kerby, City Clerk's Office