



City of Tacoma

Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

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August 03, 2021

10:00 AM

Chair John Hines, Vice Chair Lillian Hunter, Robert Thoms,
Kristina Walker, Keith Blocker (alternate), Mark Patterson (ex officio)

Call To Order

Chair Hines called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Hines, Thoms and Walker

Absent: 1 - Hunter

Ex Officio Member Mark Patterson was also in attendance.

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [21-0744](#)

House Bill 1091 Clean Fuel Standards

[Logan Bahr, State Relations Manager, Public Affairs & Communication;
Lisa Rennie, Senior Advisor, Policy and Regulatory Affairs]

At approximately 10:04 a.m., Logan Bahr, State Relations Manager, Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU), and Lisa Rennie, Senior Advisor, Policy and Regulatory Affairs, TPU, presented on Washington House Bill 1091 regarding Clean Fuel Standards, including an overview; the Clean Fuels Program, noting goals, standards, and a credit system; potential investments; the rulemaking schedule; and next steps.

Andy Cherullo, Executive Liaison, apologized for the technical difficulties that prevented the public from attending the start of the meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding why this Committee is hearing this topic, the presentation the Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee received on the Clean Fuel Standard, the greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal, City participation in the rule making process, a request for future

updates to this Committee, Public Utility Board priorities, Washington State Department of Ecology projects, hydrogen as a fuel, who the largest contributor of carbon is in Tacoma, incentives for electric vehicle and zero-emission vehicle owners, and a request for clarification regarding whether TPU can purchase electric vehicles.

2. [21-0745](#)

Public Notification Processes

[Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services;
Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office;
Geoff Smyth, Assistant Director, Environmental Services]

At approximately 10:41 a.m., Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services (PDS), Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office, and Geoff Smyth, Assistant Director, Environmental Services, presented on the public notification process, including definitions; notifications from Environmental Services, noting possible communication methods, public education and outreach efforts, and an example cost summary from the Recycle Reset program; PDS goals related to promoting the City's growth vision and empowering and informing stakeholders; construction permit requirements; current planning code requirements, noting land use permit notices, code enhancements, and proposed code amendments; long range planning procedures, noting the Planning Commission processes, City Council processes, the Home in Tacoma Project, and the Airport Compatibility Overlay District; and an overview of current and long range planning notifications and costs.

Discussion ensued regarding whether Committee action was requested today, whether new construction signage increased public outreach, Home in Tacoma Project outreach funding, levels of outreach for different information types and departments, and having clear and consistent communication practices.

3. [21-0746](#)

American Rescue Plan Spending Buckets

[Reid Bennion, Lead Budget Analyst, Office of Management and Budget]

At approximately 11:25 a.m., Reid Bennion, Lead Budget Analyst, Office of Management and Budget, presented on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) spending buckets, including an overview; the process to date; 2021 ARPA distributions; purpose; projects up for consideration; proposed restoration of services; funding related to belief and trust; the participatory budget process, noting proposed locations for 2021-2022, the draft timeline, project proposals, and budget.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding what feedback is requested from the Committee, how the non-profit funding will work, the Tidy-Up Tacoma

Initiative, the library feasibility study, communication support, designating 2022 ARPA funding for PB, how to create catalysts for social connections, and Committee Members' support for participatory budgeting.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [21-0747](#) August 17, 2021 - 2020 Exit Audit Conference, Monthly Financial Report and Mid-Biennial Updates, Reserve Policy, Deferred Maintenance and City Facilities

Ted Richardson, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on August 17, 2021, and will include a 2020 Exit Audit Conference review, a monthly financial report and mid-biennial budget updates, a Reserve Policy update, and deferred maintenance and City facilities update. Mr. Richardson concluded by stating that the September 7, 2021, meeting is scheduled to include a presentation on the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption Program policy, and noted concerns about quorum for that meeting.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

John Hines, Chair

Jered Lobban, City Clerk's Office