



City of Tacoma

Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

August 03, 2016

4:30 PM

Chair Joe Lonergan, Vice Chair Marty Campbell,
Anders Ibsen, Robert Thoms, Mayor Marilyn Strickland (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Lonergan called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Present: 4 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan and Strickland

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Mayor Strickland, alternate, was in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

1. [16-0727](#) Approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 20, 2016.

MOTION: Mayor Strickland moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2016 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 4 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan and Strickland

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Briefing Items

2. [16-0728](#) Equity & Empowerment Policies [Diane Powers, Director, Office of Equity & Human Rights]

MOTION: Mayor Strickland moved to remove the Equity & Empowerment Policies Presentation from this agenda, to be presented at Study Session on a date to be determined.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 4 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan and Strickland

Absent: 1 - Thoms

4. [16-0732](#) Fiscal Sustainability Taskforce Update [Kathryn Johnston, Principal Management Analyst, Office of Management and Budget]

At approximately 4:36 p.m., Tadd Wille, Director, Office of Management and Budget, presented an update on the Fiscal Sustainability Taskforce, including background information, revenue sources, recommendations, 2017-2018 budget forecast, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the longevity of the Fiscal Sustainability Taskforce, budgeting, expenses, primary objectives, services, long term vision, new businesses in Tacoma, population, average annual salary per household, increasing wages and benefits relative to increasing revenues, budgeting cycle for 2017-2018, and current committee members.

3. [16-0729](#) Employment Standards for Marijuana Licensing [Andy Cherullo, Finance Director, Finance Department]

At approximately 4:50 p.m., Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance Department, provided an overview of employment standards for marijuana licensing, including licensing criteria for marijuana businesses, the living wage plan, health insurance plan, paid leave plan, defined benefit pension plan, labor peace agreement, social responsibility plan, education and safety training plan, environmental and sustainability plan, medical marijuana endorsement, general operational policies and business plan, Washington State requirements, total number of licensed marijuana retailers in Tacoma, the medical marijuana endorsement and minimum wage and paid leave. Debra Casparian, Deputy City Attorney, discussed the medical marijuana endorsement,

City regulations, and background checks.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding accomplishments, Washington State requirements compared to other states, education and safety training programs, number of minority and women owned businesses, medical marijuana endorsement, Washington State background check requirements, and the labor peace agreement.

Public Comment

Public comment was heard from:

1. Kevin Heiderich, Tacoma House of Cannabis, speaking on employment standards for marijuana licensing.
2. T.J. Lauritsen, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 367, speaking on employment standards for marijuana licensing.
3. Webb Bowie, Perma LLC, speaking on employment standards for marijuana licensing.
4. Janie Wallace, Perma LLC, speaking on employment standards for marijuana licensing.
5. Brian Caldwell, Triple C, Inc., speaking on employment standards for marijuana licensing.

Discussion ensued regarding wage percentage for the producers and processors, outreach to business owners, business plan requirements, areas of jurisdiction for producers and processors within the City, regulations of similar businesses, financial data, worker safety, data requests, an inspection program, business strategies, the labor peace agreement, enforcement strategy, and City licensing.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. [16-0731](#) August 17, 2016 - ES Rate Revenue Projects, Report on Worksite Clinic Evaluation Study, TMC Building Code Fee Modifications
August 31, 2016 - Canceled

David Nash-Mendez, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on August 17, 2016, and will include a report on the Worksite Clinic evaluation study.

Discussion ensued regarding topics for upcoming meetings.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Joe Lonergan, Chair

Jennifer Beauchamp, City Clerk's Office