



WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

February 2, 2017

Members of the City Council
City of Tacoma, Washington

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Please note you are invited to the **Mayor's State of the City "Educate.Connect.Prospers" event on Wednesday, February 8th, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, at the Hotel Murano, located at 1320 Broadway.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

2. Staff from the City Manager's Office, Office of Equity and Human Rights (OEHR), and the Media and Communications Office has convened an **initial working group to move forward the convening of Immigrants, Refugees, and advocates as directed in Resolution 39642**. Staff has decided to hold a pre-convening in mid-February comprised of community partners who are subject matter experts to assist in the development of the convening relating to the size of the task force, venue for convening, intended populations, service concepts, and setting realistic expectations regarding scope and resources.

OEHR is leading this effort to ensure that the convening is culturally sensitive to the needs of our immigrant and refugee communities. The Media and Communications Office is developing an outreach and communications plan that will be guided by input from the pre-convening group on the best avenues for disseminating information about the convening event. Staff anticipates conducting study sessions for guidance from Council both before the full convening to present our plan, and after the convening to report-out and obtain next steps. Other developments will be included in the City Manager's Weekly Report on an as-needed basis.

3. Peter Huffman, Director of the Planning and Development Services (PDS), shares the following two announcements:
 - Council Members and citizens are invited to attend the first event of the **Planning and Development Services Public Forum series on Monday, February 13, 2017, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**, at Downing Elementary School, located at 2502 North Orchard Street. These monthly forums will provide an orientation about how the planning and development process works,

what information is used, how decisions are made, what opportunities the public has to comment and participate, and how the City assesses and manages the ongoing impacts from growth and development (additional information at www.cityoftacoma.org/PDSForums).

- The Planning Commission is accepting applications for amending the Comprehensive Plan or development regulations through March 31, 2017 (additional information at www.cityoftacoma.org/Planning > “2017-2018 Amendment”).
4. The **February 8, 2017 Public Utility Board meeting agenda** is attached for your information.

STUDY SESSION/WORK SESSION

5. The **City Council Study Session** of Tuesday, February 7, 2017, will be held in Room 16 of the Tacoma Municipal Building North, at Noon. Discussion items will include: (1) **Other Items of Interest**; (2) **Committee Reports**; (3) **Agenda Review and City Manager’s Weekly Report**; (4) **Closed Session – Labor Negotiations**; and, (5) **Executive Session – Pending Litigation**.

At Tuesday’s Study Session, there will be **Closed Session related to Labor Negotiations followed by an Executive Session on Pending Litigation**.

6. The updated **Tentative City Council Forecast and Consolidated Standing Committee Calendars** are attached for your information.

COUNCIL REQUESTS/INQUIRIES

7. Based on a weekly project update received today from Evette Mason, Port of Tacoma Government Affairs Manager, the **progress on the pile driving project for the dock/crane construction project has slowed**. This means that the noise variance granted by the City through February 15th, which coincides with the Washington Fish and Wildlife “fish window”, may expire prior to completion of the project. In granting the original variance, the City went above and beyond the call of duty to cooperate on a critical project that benefits the Port’s contractor as they expand and upgrade facilities to the benefit of the Port/community. That said, insufficient project planning, timing, resources, and equipment failures are not valid reasons for the City to do anything more to assist. Based on community complaints to City Hall and input from Deputy Mayor Thoms (District 2) and other Council Members, I will be directing staff to deny any noise variance request of the contractor for further extended hours operation. Should the contractor receive authorization to continue working beyond February 15th, by Fish and Wildlife based on the actual commencing of this year’s spawning run, the contractor will be limited to working within currently legislated work hours in compliance with our existing noise ordinance regulations. Please feel free to contact me with additional questions or concerns.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

8. You have been invited to the following events:

- **Love & Solidarity Black History Month Film Screening on Tuesday, February 7th, 6:45 p.m.**, at the Grand Cinema, located at 606 South Fawcett Avenue. Following the film screening, there will be a community discussion.
- **Asia Pacific Cultural Center's 19th Annual New Year Celebration Ceremony on Saturday, February 11th, 11:00 a.m.**, at the Tacoma Dome Exhibition Hall, located at 2727 East D Street.

Sincerely,



Mark Lauzier
Acting City Manager

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Attachments



**City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
February 8, 2017; 6:30 p.m.
Tacoma Public Utilities Auditorium
(3628 South 35th Street)**

Call to Order

Roll Call

A. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings

B. Comments by the Public

Public Hearing on Proposed Tacoma Power and Tacoma Water Rates

C. Consent Agenda

D. Regular Agenda

Departmental

D-1 Resolution U-10905 – Award contracts and approve purchases:

- 1. Increase contract to Gartner, Inc., for informational technology research and advisory services (\$59,745, plus sales tax; Cumulative total \$229,803, plus sales tax).**

Tacoma Water

D-2 Resolution U-10906 – Authorize permit use and fees charged to Universal Auto Group 1 for use of vacant Tacoma Water property for automobile storage.



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**City of Tacoma 2017
City Council Forecast**

Date	Meeting	Subject	Department
February 7, 2017	Study Session	Closed Session - Labor Negotiations	HR
		Executive Session - Pending Litigation	CAO
	City Council Meeting		
February 14, 2017	Study Session		
	City Council Meeting		
February 21, 2017	Study Session	Legislative Updates	GRO
	City Council Meeting		
February 28, 2017	Study Session	Permit System Process Improvements	PDS
	City Council Meeting		
March 7, 2017	Joint Utility Board Study Session	Quarterly Joint Meeting	TPU
	City Council Meeting		
March 14, 2017	CANCELLED		
March 21, 2017	Study Session	Legislative Updates	GRO
	City Council Meeting		
March 28, 2017	Study Session		
	City Council Meeting		
April 4, 2017	Study Session		
	City Council Meeting		
April 11, 2017	Study Session	Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program	PW
	City Council Meeting		
April 18, 2017	Study Session	Legislative Updates	GRO
	City Council Meeting		
April 25, 2017	Study Session		
	City Council Meeting		
May 2, 2017	Study Session		
	City Council Meeting		
May 9, 2017	Study Session		
	City Council Meeting		
May 16, 2017	Study Session		
	City Council Meeting		
May 23, 2017	Study Session	Legislative Updates	GRO
	City Council Meeting		
May 30, 2017	CANCELLED		
June 6, 2017	Joint Utility Board Study Session	Quarterly Joint Meeting	TPU
	City Council Meeting		
June 13, 2017	Study Session		
	City Council Meeting		
June 20, 2017	Study Session		
	City Council Meeting		
June 27, 2017	Study Session		
	City Council Meeting		

Community Vitality and Safety

Committee Members: Blocker (Chair), Campbell, Loneragan, Alternate-Mello
Executive Liaison: Nadia Chandler-Hardy; Staff Support - India Adams

2nd and 4th Thursdays
4:30 p.m.
Room 248

CBC Assignments:

- Citizen Police Advisory Committee
- Human Services Commission
- Human Rights Commission
- Housing Authority

- Commission on Disabilities
- Library Board
- Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority

February 9, 2017 Proposed Code Amendments

Andreta Armstrong, Office of Equity and Human Rights

South Tacoma Community Policing Plan

Captain Shawn Stringer and Lt. Alan Roberts, Tacoma Police Department; Pam Duncan, Human Services Division Manager

Future:

February 23, 2017 Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Interviews

Doris Sorum, City Clerk's Office

2016 Citizen's Police Advisory Committee Year End Report

Keith James, Chair, Citizen's Police Advisory Committee

March 9, 2017 Closed Captioning Initiative

Sandy Davis, Human Resources Commission on Disabilities

Economic Development Committee

Committee Members: Campbell (Chair), Strickland, Mello, Thoms, McCarthy (alternate)

2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays
10:00 a.m.

Executive Liaison: T.C. Broadnax; Staff Support - Brad Forbes

Room 248

CBC Assignments:

- Tacoma Arts Commission
- Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District

- Foss Waterway
- City Events and Recognition Committee

February 14, 2017 Tacoma's Newest Creative Space Alma Mater & Biotech Update

Pat Beard, Project Manager, Community and Economic Development

Future:

February 28, 2017 Museum and Theater District Update

Amy McBride, Arts Administrator, Community and Economic Development

March 14, 2017 Update on NBD and Revitalization Unit

Carol Wolfe, Community and Economic Development Supervisor, Community and Economic Development

Government Performance and Finance Committee		
Committee Members: Loneragan (Chair), Campbell, Thoms, Ibsen, Alternate-Strickland		1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays
Executive Liaison: Andy Cherullo; Staff Support - David Nash-Mendez		4:30 p.m. Room 248
CBC Assignments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Utility Board • Board of Ethics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit Advisory • Civil Service Board
Future:	February 15, 2017 <i>Joint Audit Advisory Board</i>	
	2016 Entrance Conference and 2015 Accountability Exit Conference	<i>State Auditor's Office</i>
	2016 Annual GPFC Report	<i>David Nash-Mendez, Management Fellow, CMO</i>
	March 1, 2017 TPU Presentation of Power and Water Rates	<i>TPU</i>
	Board of Ethics Interviews	<i>Clerk's Office</i>
	2016 Open Data Report	<i>Katie Johnston, Principal Management Analyst, Office of Management and Budget</i>
	March 15, 2017 Cancelled	

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee		
Committee Members: Mello (Chair), Ibsen, Thoms, McCarthy, Alternate-Blocker		2nd and 4th Wednesdays
Executive Liaison: Mark Lauzier; Staff Support - Rebecca Boydston		4:30 p.m. Room 16
CBC Assignments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Tacoma Commission • Planning Commission • Landmarks Preservation Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Building Appeals • Transportation Commission
Future:	February 8, 2017 Modifications to TMC code for FEMA flood insurance rate map (FIRM) changes	<i>Sue Coffman, Building Official, PDS</i>
	February 22, 2017 6 year comprehensive transportation improvement project draft	<i>Diane Sheesley, Project Manager, PW</i>
	Street occupancy permit and fee in lieu for off site improvements update	<i>Peter Huffman, Director, PDS</i>
	2016 Annual IPS Report	<i>Rebecca Boydston, Council Assistant, CMO</i>
	March 8, 2017 Unified Development Code update	<i>Sue Coffman, Building Official, PDS</i>
	Accident Potential Zone/JLUS	<i>Lauren Flemister, Sr Planner, PDS</i>