



## City of Tacoma

Council Member Ryan N. Mello

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January 30, 2018

Dear City Manager Pauli & Director McCrea:

I am requesting a comprehensive review of the current services the City of Tacoma and Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) currently provides to the town of Ruston. I request that the City Manager lead this review in coordination with the various departments within the City of Tacoma, and the Acting Director of Tacoma Public Utilities lead the review with TPU Water, Power and CLICK!. I would request the review go back over the last 7 – 10 years depending on how records are most easily kept. It is my hope that this review will be complete by February 20<sup>th</sup> 2018, with such findings presented to the City Council in writing by that time.

I would welcome your input in formulating the appropriate methodology of this services review, however, my initial suggestions are as follows:

- An accounting of the services the City and TPU currently provide to the town of Ruston, either as a direct or indirect service, including but not limited to emergency services (police, fire), utilities, including sanitary sewer, stormwater, power and water and any other services. For what services does Tacoma have a contract to provide the services, a reimbursement agreement or provide at no charge to the town of Ruston?
- A review of the current charges the City or TPU bill to the town of Ruston to date for such services.
- A comparison of those charges to other jurisdictions the City and TPU currently provide similar services to outside the City of Tacoma. Put another way, for similar services does Tacoma charge an "outside" rate or "premium" for the services?
- A review of what other cities (Seattle, etc.) with similar service arrangements charge entities similar to Ruston.
- A high-level review of other public services the town of Ruston pays for through general taxes or contract agreement such as schools, parks and other public services.

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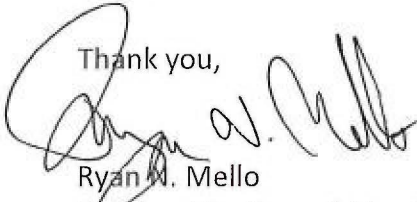
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- Finally, I would like a comprehensive analysis that assesses if those current service charges to the town of Ruston should be increased in order to protect the best interests and fairness of the ratepayers and tax payers within the City of Tacoma.

Please let me know your thoughts as soon as possible and I look forward to working with you on this matter.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan W. Mello", is written over the typed name.

Ryan W. Mello

Tacoma City Council Member