



City of Tacoma

Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

April 17, 2018

10:00 AM

Chair Anders Ibsen, Vice Chair Ryan Mello,
Keith Blocker, Lillian Hunter, Justin Camarata(alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Ibsen called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Present: 3 - Hunter, Mello and Ibsen

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Council Member Blocker arrived at 10:07 a.m.

Briefing Items

1. [18-0391](#)

Review of Participatory Budgeting

[Katie Johnston, Budget Manager, Office of Management and Budget]

At approximately 10:06 a.m., Katie Johnston, Budget Manager, Office of Management and Budget, made opening remarks and provided a description of participatory budgeting.

Council Member Blocker arrived here, at 10:07 a.m.

Ms. Johnston presented the process goals, community engagement, approach, intent of the process, comparison to other jurisdictions, funding processes, resources needed, lessons learned, and key questions. She then introduced Jacques Colon, Health Equity Coordinator, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. Mr. Colon provided examples of participatory budgeting in schools, lessons learned, boundaries set around the process, improvements of quality of life in schools, grant funding, staff time involved, and end goals. Ms. Johnston concluded on the human service contracting and city budgeting process, goals set by Neighborhood Councils, feedback from the community, alternative approaches, and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding other jurisdictions and their stake in

City government, education and understanding of budget, staff initiative, different examples to set priorities, grant funding, staff time involved, community engagement factors, timeline for the participatory process, Neighborhood Council involvement, alternative approaches, allocation of budget, and next steps.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [18-0392](#) May 1, 2018 - Fossil fuels and sustainable alternatives

Rebecca Boydston, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on May 1, 2018, and will include a presentation from the Russell Family Foundation regarding fossil fuels and sustainable alternatives, and Tacoma Public Utilities discussing an extension for a Letter of Credit.

Other Items of Interest

Discussion ensued regarding starting a conversation on the goals and process of the City Council confirming of director appointments. Discussion continued on the possibility of a briefing on impact fee changes.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Anders Ibsen, Chair

Stacy Manthou, City Clerk's Office