



City of Tacoma

Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

May 15, 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 10:03 a.m.

Present: 4 - Blocker, Hunter, Mello and Ibsen

Briefing Items

1. [18-0503](#) Public Utility Board Interviews [Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 10:04 a.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, stated the Committee will be interviewing six applicants for the Public Utility Board to fill one position for a five-year term. Ms. Sorum stated Monique Trudnowski is seeking reappointment.

The Committee interviewed Monique Trudnowski, Christine Cooley, Brad Harp, Todd Hay, Hardev Juj, and Robert Mack.

Discussion ensued regarding the needs of the Board and the candidates' qualifications.

MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to recommend the appointment of Christine Cooley to the Public Utility Board to serve a five-year term, beginning July 1, 2018 to expire June 30, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Hunter and Ibsen

Abstain: 1 - Mello

2. [18-0504](#) 2017 Year End and 2018 First Quarter Financial Update
[Katie Johnston, Budget Manager, Office of Management and Budget]

At approximately 11:06 a.m., Katie Johnston, Budget Manager, Office of Management and Budget, made introductory remarks on the 2017-2018 Biennial Budget, and provided an update on the 2017 General Fund and supported funds. Ms. Johnston reviewed General Fund revenues from all sources, including planned and actual revenues on a monthly basis; and the General Fund variance, including property tax, sales tax, business tax, utility tax, and other revenues. She further reviewed the General Fund expenditure variance, including the departments of Police, Community and Economic Development, Neighborhood and Community Services, non-departmental, Fire, and other departments. She described General Fund expenses, including delayed contractual expenses, labor variances, risks, and variable costs. She then presented on the supported funds, including street operations and engineering, traffic enforcement, and permit services. Ms. Johnston concluded with a report on the budget initiative tracker, including public safety; infrastructure; and homelessness, and an update on the budget process.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the Jefferson property, power revenues and the decline of wholesale revenues, election for power, natural gas trends, funded vacant positions, fee schedules, budget for the Tacoma Dome facility construction, Fire Department Cares services, voter approved debt and Council approved debt, and the projected rising property values.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [18-0505](#) June 5, 2018-Joint Audit Advisory Board Meeting, Charter Section 4.17 Shared Services-Media and Communications, Government Relations

Rebecca Boydston, Committee Liaison, stated on June 5, 2018, there will be a joint meeting with the Audit Advisory Board, and will include Charter Section 4.17 relating to shared services with the focus on Media and Communications, and Government Relations.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Mello stated he is interested in having a discussion on the salary ranges of Directors within the City and implications involved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Anders Ibsen, Chair

Stacy Manthou, City Clerk's Office