



# City of Tacoma

## Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

July 17, 2018

10:00 AM

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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:** 3 - Hunter, Ibsen and Mello

**Absent:** 1 - Blocker

Council Member Blocker arrived at 10:16 a.m.

### Approval of Minutes

1. [18-0591](#) Approval of the minutes of April 3, 2018
2. [18-0677](#) Approval of the minutes of April 17, 2018
3. [18-0802](#) Approval of the minutes for May 1, 2018

**MOTION:** Council Member Hunter moved to approve the minutes of the April 3, April 17, and May 1, 2018 meetings.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Mello.

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hunter, Ibsen and Mello

**Absent:** 1 - Blocker

Chair Ibsen stated Item No. 6 will be addressed before Item No. 5 at the request of staff.

## Briefing Items

4. [18-0797](#) For and Against Committees Selection  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 10:03 a.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, provided background information regarding the process of the creation of the “For” and “Against” Committees for Proposition No. 1 concerning Tacoma Creates measure for the November 6, 2018 General Election Voters’ Pamphlet, including the history, application process, letters of interest received, the state law, and timeline.

The Committee reviewed letters of interest from the following applicants for the “For” and “Against” Committees:

“For” Committee:

1. Bill Baarsma
2. Priscilla Lisicich
3. Harold Moss
4. Morf Morford

“Against” Committee:

1. Morf Morford

Discussion ensued regarding the timeline; process; qualifications, background, and interest of applicants; and the concern on inadequate interest in the “Against” Committee.

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to recommend the appointment of Bill Baarsma, Priscilla Lisicich, and Harold Moss to the Proposition No. 1 "For" Committee, and the appointment of Morf Morford to the Proposition No. 1 "Against" Committee to be considered by the full City Council.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hunter, Ibsen and Mello

**Absent:** 1 - Blocker

6. [18-0799](#) Franchise Agreement  
[Jeff Lueders, Cable Communication and Franchise Services, City Manager's Office;  
Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office]

At approximately 10:08 a.m., Jeff Lueders, Cable Communications and Franchise Services Manager, Media and Communications Office, provided an overview of the Telecommunications Franchise Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for pole attachment, including what franchise agreements are, provider services, history, process, content of the ordinance, timeline, next steps, and recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding the anticipated feedback from the public and the concern for noise levels.

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to recommend the Telecommunications Franchise Agreement to the full City Council for consideration.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hunter, Ibsen and Mello

**Absent:** 1 - Blocker

Council Member Blocker arrived here, at 10:16 a.m.

5. [18-0798](#) Citizens' Government Academy  
[Will Suarez, Management Fellow, City Manager's Office]

At approximately 10:16 a.m., William Suarez, Management Fellow, City Manager's Office, presented the Citizens' Government Academy program, including an overview; background; issues, noting inadequate representations from District Nos. 4 and 5 in the City's Committees, Boards, and Commissions (CBC) program; and current CBC members by demographics. Mr. Suarez continued on an analysis of 25 governmental academies, recommendations, and a potential schedule for the academy. He concluded by reviewing outreach elements and timeline.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding communicating with current CBC members to find out their experience with the City's CBC program, a potential day of the week for the academy to meet, inclusion of assisting Council Members in the academy schedule, the importance of productive

program structure and format, and offering the academy program in different languages. Discussion continued on outreach to Neighborhood Councils and other governmental agencies, Council Member Hunter's interest in participating in the finalization process, a longer program by adding two more weeks, inclusion of growth, planning, transportation, and equity elements, and inclusion of participatory budgeting. Discussion concluded on academy outcome and end goals and the importance of helping participants understand the government process in meaningful ways.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

7.     [18-0806](#)     August 7, 2018 - Draft Budget for Environmental Services Department Utilities, Minimum Wage for Disabled Persons, Livable Wages for Service Contracts
- Rebecca Boydston, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on August 7, 2018, and will include a draft budget for Environmental Services Department utilities, minimum wage for disabled persons, and livable wages for service contracts.
- Bucoda Warren, new Management Fellow, City Manager's Office, introduced himself to the Committee.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Holly Bert, Downtown on the Go, speaking on Citizens' Government Academy.
2. Dr. Jane Moore, ForeverGreen Trails, speaking on Citizens' Government Academy.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

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Anders Ibsen, Chair

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Sola Wingenbach, City Clerk's Office