



WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

May 9, 2019

Members of the City Council
City of Tacoma, Washington

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Attached for your information is a list of important **themes that staff identified while attending recent Neighborhood Council meetings**. This list does not include all issues addressed by Neighborhood Councils, nor is it a list of priority issues as selected by the Neighborhood Councils. The issues identified were selected by staff as themes that should be brought to the attention of the City Manager and City staff. Please note this report is in a revised format than previously shared, and staff will look at revising as needed for future reports

STUDY SESSION/WORK SESSION

2. The **Joint City Council/Public Utility Board Study Session** of Tuesday, May 14, 2019, will be held in Room 16 of the Tacoma Municipal Building North, at Noon. Discussion items will include: (1) **Click! Contract Negotiation Update**; and (2) **City's Classification and Compensation Study**. Immediately following the Joint Study Session, there will be a regular Study Session. Discussion items will include: (1) **Other Items of Interest**; (2) **Committee Reports**; (3) **Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report**; and (4) **Executive Session – City Manager's Performance Review**.

On March 26, 2019, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 40272, authorizing the **negotiation for a formal partnership contract related to the operation and use of the Click! Network with Rainier Connect**. At Tuesday's Joint City Council/Public Utility Board Study Session, the City Attorney's Office will provide an update on the contract negotiations.

On February 12, 2019, the City Council adopted Purchase Resolution No. 40231, authorizing a **consultant contract with Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc. for a Classification and Compensation Study for all non-represented positions**. As a second item on Tuesday's Joint Study Session, the Council and Utility Board will be provided an update on the Study.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

4. You have been invited to the following events:

- **Metro Parks Tacoma's Dedication for the newly renamed Judge Jack Tanner Park on Ruston Way on Saturday, June 1st, 10:00 a.m.**, at the Les Davis Pier, located at 3427 Ruston Way.
- **Asia Pacific Cultural Center *Stars of the East* Event on Saturday, June 15th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**, at the Federal Way Performing Arts and Event Center, located at 31510 Pete von Reichbauer Way South.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth A. Pauli
City Manager

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Attachments

April 2019 Neighborhood Council Meeting

Neighborhood Council	Topics Discussed	Request/ Items of Concern	Presentations by Department Request Response	City Liaison
North End	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A resident stated that with the consideration of affordable housing, the City should be more mindful of the cumulative impact of all the rates increases (Power, Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste). John Gaines from TPU let the resident know that the cumulative average increase per month in 2019 will be about \$7. The resident said that was high considering that property tax and sales tax increases are not being factored. - Julie Anderson, Pierce County Auditor, presented on the 2020 Census and elections laws. - Concerns with cars speeding down Old Town - A resident was not pleased about kids riding e-scooters on her street and leaving them on lawns or sidewalks near her house. She was told about 311. - The Health Department informed residents about a report from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation ranking counties' health in the state of Washington. Pierce County ranked 20 out of 39 counties in WA. King County was ranked 2nd in comparison. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There were rumors that the Tacoma Fire Department did not have the right extinguishers/equipment to deal with a recent fire in the Tideflats and had to borrow equipment from another jurisdiction. TFD representative said he will obtain more information and get back to residents about that. 	Pierce County Auditor	Suarez, William
Central	<p>Mini Maker Faire Proposed CubeSmart development @ S. 19 & S. Lawrence</p>	<p>The neighborhood group is very concerned about the CubeSmart development and how it will impact the neighborhood. The developer is currently suing the neighbors to be released from certain covenants, and the neighborhood group also feels the City did not properly notify residents of the proposed development. PDS should provide a response to the actions taken by the developer, what the City is required to do, and what it has done in response.</p>	N/A	Benscoter, Sam
New Tacoma	<p>proposed litter clean up day city-wide, cut and cover option for dome light rail, paint Tacoma beautiful, homeless connect, advanced meters</p>	NA	Tacoma Public Utilities	Warren, Bucoda

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South End	SE Neighborhood Association, Pacific Grand Apartments, Morgan Motel raid, coffee with the Mayor, Census 2020, voting law changes, Verizon cell tower	CM Ushka noted that she would look at the codes related to problem business sites that get new owners but have the same issues.	Neighborhood and Community Services	Request has been shared with the appropriate council assistant.	Warren, Bucoda
South Tacoma	Presentation by Nelson Miles from HOPE House.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Questions about recycling services and why we ship recycling overseas instead of recycling locally, and changes to the recycling service. 2. Concerns over public parks being sold/leased to private developers like the Pierce County Council is considering at Chambers Bay. 3. After the meeting, neighbors connected with me to share their concerns about South Sound 911's service and concerns with police response to calls. 	No presentation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explanation was provided at the meeting of the changing global market for recycling and CED's efforts to pursue green, local jobs. Results of the citizen survey were shared with the board after the meeting. 2. Explanation was provided of the different municipalities that manage parks in Tacoma. 3. Staff will work with the STNC Chair to invite SS911 outreach representatives to a future meeting. 	Foster, Lynda
Northeast	<p>Presentation by Detective Williams, TPD, on recent NE Tacoma burglaries</p> <p>Presentation by CM Mello on the Tideflats Subarea plan process.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request to pass message on to the Council that NE Tacoma residents would like metal recycling to be included in the industries paused as part of tideflats interim regulations. 2. Request for CM Thoms to attend an upcoming NETNC meeting. 3. Question about when the Puyallup River Bridge would reopen. 	Police	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The request is recorded in neighborhood council monthly report to council. 2. Invitation will be extended to CM Thoms to attend a future meeting. 3. Staff reached out to the City Project Manager for this project to inquire about whether the anticipated timeline of July 2019 on our website is still correct. Staff will follow up with NETNC. 	Foster, Lynda
West End	<p>Pierce County Auditor, Julie Anderson, presented on new elections laws.</p> <p>Biscuits Doggy Daycare Owner showed up and answered questions. Residents spoke highly of the doggy daycare.</p> <p>Pierce Transit briefly talked about the Bus Rapid Transit system.</p>	N/A	None	N/A	Suarez, William

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Community Council of Tacoma	Social media use, planning notifications and review, room location change, ariba use in the future, local training and NUSA,	-wants to know more about the planning and devleopment process -concerned about business license fees and need for them	Media and Communications Office	Presentation from planning will come in May	Warren, Bucoda
East Side	Sound Transit Link Rail Extention and BRT development	BRT Development. PW has already reach out.	None	Requests for further clarification on City's schedule with BRT plan along Pacific Ave from Public Works	Falk, Hayley

**City of Tacoma 2019
City Council Forecast Schedule**

Date	Meeting	Subject	Department	Background
May 14, 2019	Joint U-Board Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Click! Contract Negotiation Update	CAO	
		City's Classification and Compensation Study	HR	
	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Executive Session - City Manager's Performance Review	Council	
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)	First Reading Tideflats Interim Regulations Extension Ordinance	PDS	
May 21, 2019	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Bloomberg Harvard Innovation Project Update	Mayor	
		Community Workforce Agreement Taskforce Recommendations and Report	CMO	Facilitator Karen Reed will present recommendations developed by the "CWA Task Force" (comprised of leaders from labor unions, private contractors, minority and women's business enterprises, and economically distressed communities).
	Special Committee of the Whole Meeting (TMBN 16, 3:00)	Council Strategic Planning Work Session Follow-Up	CMO/OMB	This will be part two of the follow up for the Council's February 15th Strategic Planning Work Session to summarize Council priority policies that were identified and propose next steps to move to action.
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)	Final Reading Tideflats Interim Regulations Extension Ordinance	PDS	
May 28, 2019	CANCELLED			

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June 4, 2019	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	JBLM Airport Compatibility Overlay District	PDS	At the June 4th Council Meeting, there will be a public hearing on the Joint Base Lewis McChord Airport Compatibility Overlay District. At the Study Session, PDS staff will share the Planning Commission's and IPS Committee's recommendations to establish the District corresponding with JBLM's designated Accident Prevention Zone II.
		Prioritizing New Streetlights with an Equity Lens	PW	The 2019/2020 Public Works budget included funding for the installation of 200 new streetlights in Tacoma. Presentation will be an overview of the overall need for new streetlights, identify existing infrastructure scenarios, and outline how Public Works is prioritizing the new installations and applying the Equity Index in an objective and systematic way.
		City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)	PDS	
June 11, 2019	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Recommendations for Commingled Recycling	ESD/SWM	Solid Waste Mgt staff will provide recommendations based on the results of outreach efforts related to commingled recycling.
		Tacoma Dome Link Extension Update	PDS	Staff from PDS and Sound Transit will review the community input received during the scoping period and discuss the Council's potential input to the Sound Transit Board regarding preferred station locations and route alternatives.
		City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)		
June 18, 2019	Joint Public Utility Board Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Click! Contract Negotiation Update	CAO	
		Closed Session - Labor negotiations	CAO	
		City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)	PDS	

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June 25, 2019	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	South Sound 911 Governance Restructuring	CAO	
		Beacon Senior Center Update and Stability Site Recommendations	NCS	Staff will provide an update on the youth and young adult services, including overnight shelter, and the senior services at the Beacon Center. In addition, recommendations for the Stability Site will be shared.
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)	JBLM Airport Overlay District Ordinance Final Reading	PDS	

Community Vitality and Safety			
Committee Members: Blocker (Chair), Beale, Thoms, Ushka, Alternate-Hunter Executive Liaison: Linda Stewart; Staff Support - Will Suarez		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
May 9, 2019	Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board Interviews	Doris Sorum, City Clerk	3 vacancies
	Northwest Detention Center	Councilmember Blocker, City Council	
Future			
May 23, 2019	Human Services Commission Interviews	Doris Sorum, City Clerk	5 vacancies
June 13, 2019	Continuous Improvement Advocates Project: Reducing Emergency Medicine Treatment Errors	Sionna Stallings-Alailima, Fire Lieutenant, Tacoma Fire Department	From Sept.- Dec. 2018, Tacoma Fire Lieutenant, Sionna Stallings-Alailima, led a team to investigate emergency treatment errors as part of her course work in the CI Advocates program. In her presentation she will review suggested actions and discuss steps her workgroup has taken to prevent harm to customers and reduce the risk for potential litigation.
	Closed Captioning Resolution and Education Campaign	Lucas Smiraldo, Policy Analyst II, Office of Equity and Human Rights; Todd Holloway, Chair, Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities	The Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities (TACOD) is requesting support from the Community, Vitality and Safety Committee to recommend a resolution that will promote the practice of using closed captioning on televisions in establishments frequented by people in Tacoma including pubs, restaurants, bars, waiting rooms and other shared public spaces.

Economic Development Committee			
Committee Members: Thoms (Chair), McCarthy, Ushka, Woodards, Alternate-Beale Executive Liaison: Tadd Wille; Staff Support - Lynda Foster		2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. Room 248	CBC Assignments: •Tacoma Arts Commission •Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District •Foss Waterway •City Events and Recognition Committee
May 14, 2019	CERC interviews	<i>Clerks Office</i>	4 vacancies
	Tacoma Opportunity Zones Update	<i>Elly Walkowiak, Assistant Community & Economic Development Director</i>	Information will be presented to describe the Zone locations, purposes and potential economic benefits.
Future			
May 28, 2019	<i>Cancelled</i>		
June 11, 2019	Green Economy Update (Tentative)	<i>Gloria Fletcher, Business Development Manager, CED</i>	This is the second of three presentations intended to provide an overview and subsequent updates on how Tacoma can attract and retain businesses and workers in clean technologies and manufacturing.

Government Performance and Finance Committee			
Committee Members: Ibsen (Chair), Blocker, Hunter, Mello, Alternate-Thoms Executive Liaison: Andy Cherullo; Staff Support - Bucoda Warren		1st and 3rd Tuesday 10 a.m. Room 248	CBC Assignments: •Public Utility Board •Board of Ethics •Audit Advisory Board •Civil Service Board
May 21, 2019	Public Utility Board Interviews	Dorus Sorum, City Clerk	1 vacancy
Future			
June 4, 2019	TMC Amendments	Jenni Barrett, Tax & License Operations Manager	clean up of language in Title 6 and repeal of regulatory license for Sign Erectors. The only requirement of the Sign Erector license is proof of insurance that names the City as an additional insured which can be verified through the sign permit process in Planning and Development Services. This change will streamline the process and reduce fee expenses for businesses installing signs above the City Right-of-Way.
June 18, 2019	Audit Advisory Board Joint Meeting	Susan Calderon, Assistant Finance Director	both an exit conference for Moss Adams and entrance conference for the State Auditor
	Workforce Central Contract Extension	Linda Nguyen, Executive Director, Workforce Central	Linda Nguyen will be presenting an amendment to the existing agreement for a time extension.
	wholesale pricing and policy revisions	Sean Senescall, Manager of Tacoma Water Finance & Analytics, Lyna Vo, Water Analyst	

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee			
Committee Members: Mello (Chair), Beale, Ibsen, McCarthy, Alternate-Hunter Executive Liaison: Kurtis Kingsolver; Staff Support - Rebecca Boydston (Nick Anderson will be covering through May)		2nd and 4th Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. Room 16 (time and location will change soon)	CBC Assignments: •Sustainable Tacoma Commission •Planning Commission •Landmarks Preservation Commission •Board of Building Appeals •Transportation Commission
May 22, 2019	Planning Commission Interviews		Interviews for 3 open positions on the Planning Commission.
	Building Code Updates	Terry Forslund, Planning and Development Services	Updates on building codes in the City.
Future			
June 12, 2019			
June 26, 2019			