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SUBJECT: Council Rules For Walk-on Amendments
DATE: July 16, 2019

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:
The City Attorney's Office will provide an informational briefing on the current process used for walking on amendments to resolutions and ordinances.

BACKGROUND:
Neither Washington State law nor the Tacoma City Charter provide rules related to how amendments to legislation must be occur. A number of cities and counties have adopted formal process rules for amending legislation, which are efficient, transparent and provide consistency.

ISSUE:
Council does not have a standard process for amending legislation; consequently, ad hoc processes have been used over the years, which has resulted in confusion, surprises, lack of choices, difficulty in arriving at compromises, and other issues.

ALTERNATIVES:
Informational briefing.

FISCAL IMPACT:
Informational briefing.

RECOMMENDATION:
Informational briefing.