



## WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

July 18, 2019

Members of the City Council  
City of Tacoma, Washington

**Dear Mayor and Council Members:**

### **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

1. At its meeting of July 10, 2019, the **Landmarks Preservation Commission formally adopted the first set of design guidelines for the Old City Hall Historic District**. Tacoma's first historic district, created in 1978, the Old City Hall Historic District is composed of approximately 40 buildings, including some of Tacoma's most iconic and important buildings, such as Old City Hall (1893), the recently renovated Elks Temple (1915), and the Northern Pacific Headquarters Building (1888). The guidelines, which have been under development since 2018, provide guidance to the Commission, property owners and designers for the alteration of existing historic buildings as well as for infill design, to ensure the preservation of the district's character for generations to come. To view the guidelines, visit [www.cityoftacoma.org/historicpreservation](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/historicpreservation) and follow the links to "Tacoma's Historic Districts." For more information, contact Historic Preservation Officer Reuben McKnight at [reuben.mcknight@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:reuben.mcknight@cityoftacoma.org) or 591-5220.
2. Fire Chief Tory Green provides the attached **Tacoma Fire Department's 2019 Fireworks After Action Report**. The report provides a summary for Fire's efforts to educate residents about the fireworks ban and fireworks related incidents during the reporting period of June 26<sup>th</sup> through July 6<sup>th</sup>. Tacoma Police will be providing their After Action Report related to education and enforcement efforts at a later date.
3. Tacoma Venues & Events staff provide the attached article on the Tacoma Dome from ***South Sound Magazine* "Dome Alone" by Todd Matthews**.
4. The **July 24, 2019 Public Utility Board Agenda** is attached for your information. Please note motion 19-06, to approve settlement of Farmers Insurance Exchange, as subrogee of Dimension Town Homes property damage claim with Tacoma Water in the amount of \$161,478.51, will be on the July 30<sup>th</sup> City Council agenda for your consideration.

### **STUDY SESSION/WORK SESSION**

5. The **City Council Study Session** of Tuesday, July 23, 2019, will be held in Room 16 of the Tacoma Municipal Building North, at Noon. Discussion items will include: (1) **Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension**; (2) **Municipal Finance Overview**; (3) **Other Items of Interest**; (4) **Committee Reports**; and, (5) **Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report**.

At Tuesday's Study Session, Sound Transit staff will provide the City Council a **construction update on the Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension, which will include discussion of local workforce utilization on the project.**

As a second item on Tuesday's Study Session, **Finance staff will provide funding mechanisms for facility and other capital projects.**

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

### **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

7. The City has applied for the following grant application:
- **FY2019-2021 Municipal Stormwater Capacity Grant** – This is an Ecology pass-through grant for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Stormwater Permit activities. The City is requesting \$50,000, with no City match required.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

8. You have been invited to the following events:
- **University of Washington Tacoma Summer Soiree on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.**, located on the Prairie Line Trail, 1900 Commerce.
  - **Frank Tobey Jones Grand Opening on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to Noon**, located at 5340 North Bristol Street.

- **Tacoma Maritime Fest on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**, at 705 Dock Street.
- **Tacoma Historical Society's 2019 Destiny Dinner on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**, at the University of Puget Sound's Memorial Fieldhouse, located at 1500 North Warner. Social hour is at 5:00 p.m., followed by the dinner and program at **6:00 p.m.**
- **Forterra's South Sound Luncheon on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, Noon**, at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center, located at 1500 Commerce Street.
- **Greater Tacoma Peace Prize 2019 Laureate Recognition Banquet for Mr. Wille C. Stewart, Sr. on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.**, at Chris Kuntzen Hall at Pacific Lutheran University, located at 12180 Park Avenue South.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth A. Pauli  
City Manager

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Attachments



**City of Tacoma**  
Tacoma Fire Department

**Memorandum**

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TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager

FROM: Toryono Green, Fire Chief *TE*

SUBJECT: **TACOMA FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 2019 FIREWORKS AFTER ACTION REPORT**

DATE: July 10, 2019

In an effort to educate the public about the City of Tacoma's fireworks ordinance, the following community outreach was conducted mid-June through the Fourth of July holiday.

**Schools**

- Over 14,000 students who attend Tacoma Public Schools received a Fireworks Prohibited flier via electronic communication in June 2019.

**Community**

- Fireworks Prohibited fliers were distributed to:
  - Libraries
  - Metro Parks
  - Neighborhood businesses
  - Farmers markets
- Fire Department personnel attended all neighborhood council meetings to deliver this year's message and answer citizens' questions.
- The "fireworks are prohibited" information was posted on the City of Tacoma and Fire Department websites and social media sites.
- The "fireworks are prohibited" message was displayed on the following electronic reader boards:
  - Tacoma Dome
  - Metro Parks
  - Cheney Stadium
  - Police stations
  - Fire stations

## Emergency Incidents

During the reporting period, June 26 through July 6, 2019, TFD responded to 1,520 incidents. Of these, 107 were fires, with 23 being fireworks-related. Attached is a list of these incidents, including the address, and incident type.

### Fireworks Incidents

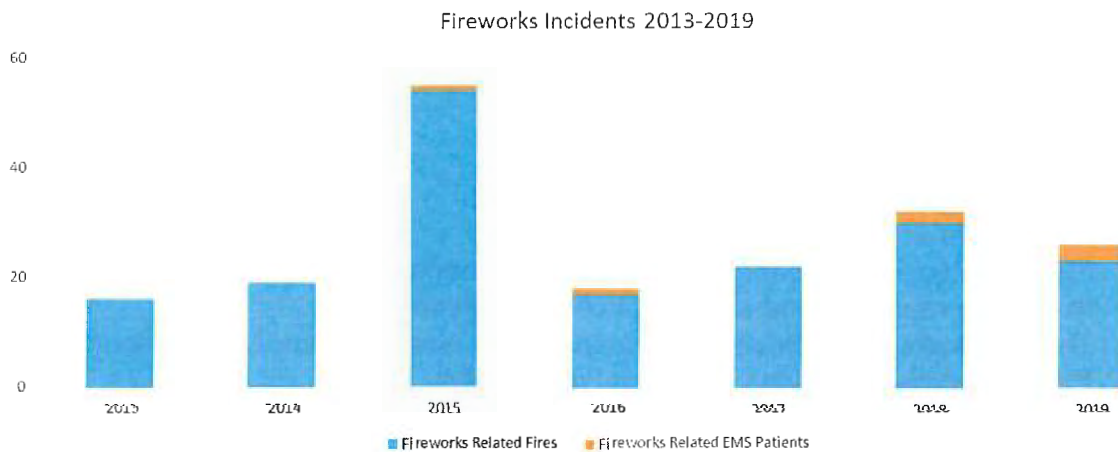
- Total of 23 incidents:
  - 4 dumpster
  - 15 grass, brush, or tree fires
  - 2 structure fires
  - 2 “other” outside fires

### Estimated Dollar Loss

- The fires caused an estimated:
  - \$7,759 damage

### EMS Incidents

- During the reporting period, TFD treated and transported three fireworks-related patients from “Firecracker Alley” located in the Tacoma tideflats.



Please contact me directly if you have additional questions.

TG:wf  
Attachments

### Fireworks-Related Fires: 6/26/19 - 7/6/19

Incident #	Incident Date	Fire Type	Location	Heat Source	Property Loss	Content Loss
X1918001631	6/29/19 17:48	Grass/Brush/Trees Fire	701 S PROCTOR ST	Suspected Fireworks	\$ -	\$ -
X1918001831	6/29/19 19:14	Grass/Brush/Trees Fire	S 84TH ST/S ALASKA ST	Fireworks or Flare	\$ -	\$ -
X1918101442	6/30/19 17:27	Grass/Brush/Trees Fire	S 19TH ST/S ASH ST	Fireworks or Flare	\$ -	\$ -
X1918102089	6/30/19 22:24	Structure Fire	9031 S THOMPSON AVE	Fireworks or Flare	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,000
X1918202358	7/1/19 22:27	Structure Fire	2128 62ND AVE E	Fireworks or Flare	\$ 190	\$ -
X1918500863	7/4/19 12:11	Dumpster Fire	5412 29TH ST NE	Fireworks or Flare	\$ -	\$ 500
X1918501955	7/4/19 19:30	Grass/Brush/Trees Fire	5038 S 58TH ST	Fireworks or Flare	\$ -	\$ 50
X1918502753	7/4/19 22:30	Grass/Brush/Trees Fire	N 7TH ST/N SUNSET DR	Fireworks or Flare	\$ -	\$ -
X1918502758	7/4/19 22:31	Grass/Brush/Trees Fire	3113 57TH AVE NE	Fireworks or Flare	\$ -	\$ 500
X1918502817	7/4/19 22:41	Grass/Brush/Trees Fire	N 14TH ST/N ORCHARD ST	Suspected Fireworks	\$ -	\$ 15
X1918502970	7/4/19 23:10	Other Outside Fire	S 88TH ST/S SHERIDAN AVE	Fireworks or Flare	\$ -	\$ -
X1918503006	7/4/19 23:19	Grass/Brush/Trees Fire	6239 S ADAMS ST	Fireworks or Flare	\$ -	\$ 4
X1918503195	7/4/19 23:59	Grass/Brush/Trees Fire	3202 S MASON AVE	Fireworks or Flare	\$ -	\$ -
X1918600028	7/5/19 0:06	Other Outside Fire	S 88TH ST/S SHERIDAN AVE	Fireworks or Flare	\$ -	\$ -
X1918600068	7/5/19 0:14	Grass/Brush/Trees Fire	N 46TH ST/N STEVENS ST	Suspected Fireworks	\$ -	\$ -
X1918600347	7/5/19 2:21	Dumpster Fire	405 DOCK ST	Fireworks or Flare	\$ -	\$ -
X1918600379	7/5/19 2:47	Dumpster Fire	4606 MARINE VIEW DR	Fireworks or Flare	\$ -	\$ -
X1918600650	7/5/19 7:55	Grass/Brush/Trees Fire	6108 6TH AVE	Fireworks or Flare	\$ -	\$ -
X1918601468	7/5/19 14:57	Grass/Brush/Trees Fire	N 45TH ST/N STEVENS ST	Fireworks or Flare	\$ -	\$ -
X1918601488	7/5/19 15:06	Grass/Brush/Trees Fire	6622 20TH ST E	Fireworks or Flare	\$ -	\$ -
X1918601661	7/5/19 16:04	Grass/Brush/Trees Fire	S 8TH ST/S I ST	Fireworks or Flare	\$ -	\$ -
X1918602099	7/5/19 19:24	Grass/Brush/Trees Fire	4314 S 49TH ST	Fireworks or Flare	\$ -	\$ -
X1918602526	7/5/19 22:25	Dumpster Fire	2102 E ALEXANDER AVE	Fireworks or Flare	\$ -	\$ -

**Fireworks Fire Totals for 2019:**

**Incident Total**

**Estimated Dollar Loss**

	<b>23</b>
<b>\$</b>	<b>7,759</b>

**\$ 4,690      \$ 3,069**

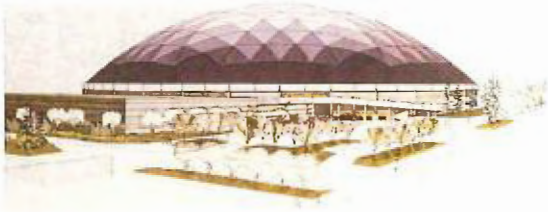


# Dome Alone.

*In an age of arenas and stadiums shiny, expensive, and new, the 1980s-era Tacoma Dome continues to capture the spirit and character of its namesake city.*

BY TODD MATTHEWS

PHOTO COURTESY THE TACOMA DOME



**"It's more  
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**Perched on** a wooden catwalk some 150 feet above the floor of the Tacoma Dome, regrets and second thoughts clouded my mind.

What seemed like a neat idea at one point — ascend to the roof of the Dome for a bird's-eye-view of the city — now felt utterly daring and witless.

Three days earlier, my request to Tacoma Dome director Kim Bedier was simple: Could I go behind the scenes of the Dome to explore areas of the venue not regularly afforded to average visitors, concertgoers, or many of our readers?

"I am happy to help you out on this," Bedier replied. "We can give you a tour of the Dome, including climbing to the roof, if you are not afraid of heights."

After meeting Bedier and the Dome's operations manager, Matt Balk, at the building's 24-hour security entrance, we navigated our way around crews tearing down the previous evening's event, setting up for a weekend guitar festival, and planning for two days of filming *American Ninja Warrior*.

We dropped in on the backstage artist quarters, where Bedier and Balk dished on some of the marquee artists who have performed at the Dome. Generally, country-western performers tend to hang out backstage at the Dome and mingle more with fans several hours before a performance. A-List, mainstream pop and rock stars tend to slip into the building in time for soundcheck, perform for a sold-out audience, and then slip away before fans can gather outside the security exit in hopes of autographs and selfies.

As our tour and interview winded down, scaling the city-owned Dome's roof became the topic of conversation.

"The biggest thing is it's easy to hit your head on a beam or a sprinkler pipe," Balk said. Slightly joking, he added, "Please, just be very aware because a (rescue) call to the Tacoma Fire Department would not be good."

And with that, Balk unlocked a small gate behind a set of bleachers and he, Bedier, photographer Jeff Hobson, and I began our journey to the Dome's summit — perhaps the ultimate destination in a behind-the-scenes tour of this iconic building.

## **From its groundbreaking**

ceremony in the summer of 1981, to its grand opening in the spring of 1983, few structural landmarks represent a city quite like the Tacoma Dome does for its eponymous hometown.

Postcards and promotional materials for Tacoma often depict the Dome set against distant Mount Rainier — a man-made wonder trying, like a scrappy little brother, to emulate its elder, more esteemed sibling. The Dome's faded, blue-and-white roof — even on those days when it's dirt-glazed and smog-smudged — bares an abstract resemblance to Mount Rainier's frosted, creased, and contoured surface. The Dome is the city's realized, personified, and outsized ego: A bulbous building that stands some 150 feet high and spans some 530 feet wide, an engineering feat that blends 1.6 million board feet of lumber with enough concrete to build a 70-mile sidewalk.

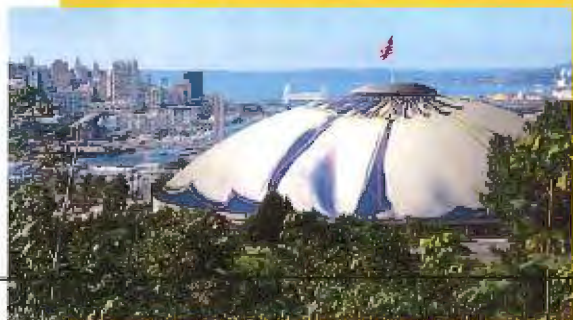
If you travel south on Interstate 5 and through the dogleg Fife curve, the Dome emerges from around a bend, its surface smooth and rounded, its arced hemisphere large and imposing, crowding the view through your windshield, as if orbiting a planet up-close.

And the Dome sits in architectural contrast to the LeMay automobile museum. Shiny and sleek, as though dipped in aluminum, the car museum was built right across the street, and cost approximately \$60 million to construct when it opened in 2012.

Often, a city's prominence is measured by its expensive, amenity-laden stadiums and arenas, which



# Making the Dome "Pop"



## Andy Warhol Studio

1/26/82

Mr. Greg Geissler  
The Tacoma-Pierce County  
CIVIC ARTS COMMISSION  
740 St. Helens Avenue/Rm 409  
Tacoma, Washington 98402

Dear Greg:

Enclosed is a rather short proposal for the Tacoma Dome. We have also included an acetate of the flower Andy would like to see on the dome. A full color proof (print) later in the week. We are sorry that this is being submitted at the last minute but Andy's schedule has been incredibly busy. I'll be in touch by phone with on Monday afternoon.

All the best.

## Pop artist Andy Warhol's storied Tacoma Dome connection

In 1981, Vincent Fremont was managing Pop artist Andy Warhol's New York City studio when a commission landed on his desk and intrigued both Fremont and his boss.

The City of Tacoma was building the Tacoma Dome, and \$280,000 was earmarked for public art at the new arena. Warhol was one of several high-profile, blue-chip artists invited to create original public art for the Dome.

Decades have passed since the original request was mailed from Tacoma to the Factory in New York City, but when I interviewed Fremont in 2015, he recalled how Warhol's interest would have been piqued by the opportunity to create public art at the Dome.

"I would have been the one to look at this particular request," Fremont recalled. "I may have said, 'Andy, there is this large commission. This might be a good idea.' We would have had some discussion about it. It was (an) interesting idea."

In January of 1982, Fremont mailed to officials at Tacoma City Hall a simple, two-page proposal that included one conspicuous specification that reverberates today: Andy Warhol would like to see the Tacoma Dome as a large flower.

In Warhol's imagination, the flower's center would be at the

top of the Dome, and large wide petals would extend out over the roof's circumference. Further, in true Warhol fashion, he designed a flower that was a unique hybrid, a composite of different flowers that couldn't be found in nature.

In the end, Warhol and three other artists submitted public art proposals for the Dome.

Warhol's bid was edged out by artist Stephen Antonakos, who proposed painting the Dome's roof blue and illuminating it with tubes of neon arcs and angles that would be installed on the roof's surface. But concerns that drilling holes into the roof for neon tubes to be installed might compromise the roof's structural integrity forced Antonakos to rethink his plan. All that neon has been installed on walls inside the Dome.

As for Warhol's original vision for the Dome?

In recent years, local residents have backed a plan to cover the Dome in Warhol's hybrid flower. Tacoma Dome director Kim Bedier said the City of Tacoma is onboard, too, but money for the project (estimated at more than \$5 million) would need to come from a source other than the city's public coffer.

"We hope, at some point, somebody will resurrect the concept and do a private fundraising campaign," she explained.

CONTRACTOR:

Andy Warhol



can cost a half-billion-dollars and more to construct, and even renovate.

In 2018, the Tacoma Dome — which cost \$44 million to build (nearly \$113 million in today's dollars) — experienced its first major renovation in its now-36-year history. The City spent approximately \$31 million to install modern seating that is comfier and offers better sightlines and more legroom. It also built out the backstage artists' quarters and dressing rooms to include a suite of seven contemporary and comfortable rooms, upgrade

investment, noting that \$31 million is a lot of money, and every dollar is being stretched for its maximum return.

"Buildings of this vintage are getting knocked down all over the place," Bedier said. "But the City of Tacoma is committed to keeping it going. It's awesome, actually."

### When David Bowie

performed before a sold-out crowd of 27,000 fans on August 11, 1983, at the Dome, it was the venue's first major concert — and it opened the door for Tacoma to host marquee musicians and artists who might otherwise have settled on Seattle.

Over the years, approximately 25 million people have attended thousands of events at the Dome, which has witnessed (and hosted) evolving tastes in music — from 1980s hair metal bands (Def Leppard, Guns N' Roses, and Mötley Crüe); to 1990s alternative rockers (Bush, Green Day, and Korn); to singular pop stars of the early-aughts (Lady Gaga, Katy Perry, Taylor

Swift, and Justin Timberlake); to icons who span generations and music styles (Bob Dylan, Elton John, Paul McCartney, Tom Petty, Prince, The Rolling Stones, Frank Sinatra, and Tina Turner).

The Dome also has hosted sporting events; high school and college graduations; rodeos; monster truck competitions; and, well, almost any kind of public spectacle you can imagine.

In any given year, the Dome hosts approximately 80 to 90 events.

How has this old building remained

a viable venue for artists and events?

First, the Dome can seat about 23,000 people, making it the largest indoor venue in the state of Washington. The next largest indoor venue is Seattle Center Arena, which accommodated just under 17,500 people before it closed for renovations. At its maximum capacity, the arena is expected to hold about 19,000 people following the renovation's completion.

"If you want to make a one-night stop and make as much money as you can, this is where you should come," Bedier said. "That's, really, the mercenary reason."

And yet, the arena can still feel intimate for both fans and performers. The Dome's seating bowl isn't broken up by luxury seats or private boxes, which, according to Balk, enhances the event experience.

"When the artist is looking out, they see people from the floor all the way up to the roof," he explained. "There aren't those breaks. It just really adds to the environment. I think anyone who is doing their job, if they look out and see an atmosphere that's really conducive to them doing good work, they are going to perform really well."



*Over the years, people have left their mark on the Dome's beams.*

restrooms and offer more food and beverage locations to elevate the visitors' experience. New loading docks to better serve crews setting up and tearing down events also were added.

Sure, Bedier wouldn't turn down hundreds of millions of dollars to completely overhaul the Dome, especially considering simpler things, such as cleaning the Dome's roof, costs more than \$100,000, and endured its last thorough scrubbing seven years ago. But she's appreciative of the city's



## Fields of Green

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### CenturyLink Field

Home to the Seattle Seahawks, it opened in 2002 at a cost of \$430 million (\$610.8 million in today's dollars).

### Seattle Center Arena

Home to the Seattle Storm, it is undergoing a renovation now that is expected to exceed \$900 million when it is completed in 2021.





Scaling a catwalk  
en route to the  
Dome's roof.

"Artists get a great vibe from the room," Bedier added. "And don't let anybody tell you the acoustics aren't good. The wood roof and the dome structure make the acoustics amazing!"

And then there's the almost-intangible factor that is sentimental.

When the Dome turned 30 years old in 2013, the City of Tacoma invited visitors and local residents to share their favorite memories of the venue. Bedier, who had been recently hired by the City after managing the Everett Events Center, said she was

overwhelmed by the responses.

"People played their first football games here," she explained. "Multiple generations have graduated here. People got engaged here. You can talk in really fluffy terms — it's the heart of the city! But in this case, it really is. Especially when you think, we have 30 graduations here every year, and we've been having them for 36 years. How many lives has that impacted?"

"It's very fondly thought of, this place," Bedier continued, reverently. "It's more than a place. It's inte-

gral to the community. It's not just a building. It's so much more."

But will the aging Dome hold up against shiny, new stadiums?

"Like with anything, equipment and mechanical systems obviously have a lifespan, no matter how well you maintain them," Balk said. "How many cars from the 1970s are still on the road? Very few. But as long as there's continual investment into the systems of the facility to renew them as needed, then the reality is this building could be a 100-year-old building."

### Cheney Stadium

Home to the Seattle Mariners-affiliated Tacoma Rainiers Triple-A baseball team and professional women's soccer team Reign FC, it underwent a \$30 million renovation in 2010.

### T-Mobile Park

Formerly Safeco Field and home to the Seattle Mariners, it opened 20 years ago at a cost of \$517 million (\$793 million in today's dollars).

### Tacoma Dome

It cost \$44 million to build (\$113 million in today's dollars) in 1983.





Situated high above the floor, this ladder leads to the Dome's cupola

### Back on the

catwalk above the Dome's floor, our group continued its ascent toward the roof.

**"Credit to the folks who were actually involved in the design and construction, because it's a solid building."**

We climbed a succession of narrow, steel ladders that stretched upward toward a cupola that, from outside the building, resembles the button-like squatchee atop a baseball cap.

Along the way, we paused to read messages (professions of love from one person to another, a cartoon image of a drum kit, scores of simple signatures) scrawled on beams more

than 30 years ago, when the City of Tacoma hosted a topping-out ceremony and invited residents to sign their names and leave personal

notes on the timber beams that were hoisted skyward by cranes.

Dust covered the circular platform inside the cupola, as well as bright strands of paper confetti from earlier events. The cupola's main function, according to Balk, is to house the Dome's ventilation and exhaust system.

"Also, the roof was built in rings," he added. "If you look at the base of the roof, you will see there is a ring of boards all the way around. Then they built the next level up, then the next level up, and so on. At the top, they had to create something to lock it all in, and that's what's up here, too."

One final ladder separated our group from emerging through an unlocked hatch and summing the Dome.

Bedier and Balk noted that, on stormy and windy days, a trip to the roof to do maintenance or raise and lower the Dome's flag can be unnerving. On the day of our visit,

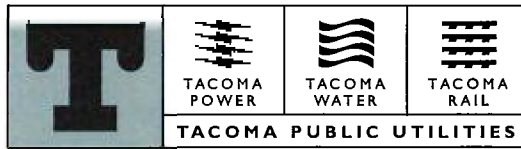
however, we ascended the final ladder and stepped out onto the roof to experience a sky that was cloudless and cobalt, punctuated by a light breeze that tickled one's skin.

From this vantage point, the views stretched for miles, and all of the familiar landmarks were recast in miniature. Interstate 5 and Interstate 705 were distant streams coursing with the late-afternoon rush-hour traffic of tiny cars and trucks. Cranes that typically towered over Port of Tacoma terminals looked like pieces of a child's Erector Set. The downtown skyline was reduced to a scale model.

Although Bedier has climbed to the roof on several occasions, she still seemed to marvel at both the view and the Dome's longevity.

"It's an incredibly well-built facility," she observed. "Credit to the folks who were actually involved in the design and construction, because it's a solid building." ■

PHOTOS BY JEFF HOBSON



**City of Tacoma  
Public Utility Board Meeting  
July 24, 2019; 6:30 p.m.  
Tacoma Public Utilities – Ground Floor Auditorium  
3628 S 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Tacoma WA 98409**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

- A. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings**
- B. Comments by the Public**
- C. Consent Agenda**
- D. Regular Agenda**

**Departmental**

- D-1 Resolution U-11091 – Award contracts and approve purchases:
- 1. Award contract to Northwest Cascade, Inc., for the replacement of acquired asbestos cement water main in 152<sup>nd</sup> Street East, Bingham Avenue East to 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue East in Pierce County (\$287,969, plus applicable taxes) [Ryan Flynn, Assistant Division Manager].
- D-2 Motion 19-05 – Approve the performance evaluation of Director of Utilities, Jackie Flowers, for her first year of employment starting August 1, 2018 and approve an increase in compensation.

**Tacoma Power**

- D-3 Resolution U-11092 – Approve declaration of surplus of a 115kV oil circuit breaker no longer needed for Tacoma Power's current or future needs and authorize the sale of equipment to the highest responsive bidder (Per RCW 35.94.040, a public hearing on declaration of surplus will be held). [Sean Veley, Power Supervisor].
- D-4 Resolution U-11093 – Approve declaration of surplus of a distribution substation transformer no longer needed for Tacoma Power's current or future needs and authorize the sale of equipment to the highest responsive bidder (Per RCW 35.94.040, a public hearing on declaration of surplus will be held). [Sean Veley, Power Supervisor].

**Tacoma Water**

- D-5 Motion 19-06 – Approve settlement of Farmers Insurance Exchange, as subrogee of Dimension Town Homes property damage claim with Tacoma Water in the amount of \$161,478.51. [Tom Morrill, Chief Deputy City Attorney].  
**(To Council: July 30, 2019)**



## **H. Reports of the Director**

H-1 May 2019 cash projections for Power, Water, Rail

H-2 May 2019 financials for Power, Water, Rail, Fleet, Self-Insurance Fund

- Update on assessment of adjustments to income eligibility for low-income programs [Steve Hatcher, Customer Services Manager]
- Shade Tree Coupon Pilot Program [Cam LeHouillier, Asst. Power Section Mgr]



The City of Tacoma does not discriminate on the basis of disability in any of its programs, activities, or services. To request this information in an alternative format or to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact the TPU Director's Office at 253-502-8201. TTY or speech to speech users please dial 711 to connect to Washington Relay services.

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

Date	Meeting	Subject	Department	Background
July 23, 2019	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension	ST/PW	Sound Transit will provide a construction update to include discussion of local workforce utilization on the project.
		Municipal Finance Overview	OMB	Funding mechanisms for facility and other capital projects.
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
July 30, 2019	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Affordable Housing Action Strategy Update	CED	
		Disparity Study, Priority Hire and I-1000 Update	CMO/CAO/CED	Presentation on City staff's review and recommendations related to the City's disparity study findings, the advisory committee recommendations and priority hiring, and the impacts of I-1000 on City Public Works projects.
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			

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

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August 6, 2019	Joint Council/Public Utility Board Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Click! Update	CAO	Discussion on proposed agreements.
	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Quarterly Tacoma Police Department Hiring Update	TPD	TPD will present quarterly update related to hires and separations and the efforts to diversify the department.
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
August 13, 2019	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Recycling Recommendations	ESD	Solid Waste Mgt will provide additional information and revised recommendations related to commingled recycling.
		Comprehensive Plan 2019 Amendment	PDS	PDS staff will share the Planning Commission's recommendations prior to the Public Hearing on August 20th.
	Special Committee of the Whole Meeting (TMBN 16, 3:00)	Multifamily Tax Exemption	CED/CMO	
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
August 20, 2019	Joint Council/Public Utility Board Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	City's Classification and Compensation Study Update	HR	
	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Second Quarter Financial Report	OMB	
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
August 27, 2019	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Comprehensive Plan 2019 Amendment	PDS	PDS staff will present the public testimony from the Council's Public Hearing on August 20th.
		City Council Actions, Regulatory Policies, and Repair and Replacement Strategy	OMB	Current City Council actions that direct organizational action, policies from higher levels of government, and a presentation of a funding strategy for a repair and replacement program.
	Special Committee of the Whole Meeting (TMBN 16, 3:00)	Affordable Housing Trust Fund	CMO/CED	
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			

**City of Tacoma 2019  
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Date	Meeting	Subject	Department	Background
September 3, 2019	CANCELLED			
September 10, 2019	City Council City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Tacoma Creates Update	TVE	
	Special Committee of the Whole Meeting (TMBN 16, 3:00)	Legislative Agenda Workshop	CMO/GRO	
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
September 17, 2019	City Council Study Session (TMB Council Chambers, Noon)	Cushman Substation Update	PDS	Presentation on the planning effort for the Cushman Substation.
		Level of Service Case Studies	OMB	An in-depth look at an important best practice when considering facility investments.
	Special Committee of the Whole Meeting (TMBN 16, 3:00)	Inclusionary Zoning	PDS/CED/CMO	
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
September 24, 2019	City Council Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)	Tacoma Housing Authority Update	THA	
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			

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City Council Forecast Schedule**

Date	Meeting	Subject	Department	Background
<b>October 1, 2019</b>	City Council Study Session (TMB Council Chambers, Noon)	Tacoma Permit Advisory Task Force Update	DM McCarthy & TPATF	
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
<b>October 8, 2019</b>	City Council Study Session (TMB Council Chambers, Noon)			
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
<b>October 15, 2019</b>	City Council Study Session (TMB Council Chambers, Noon)			
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
<b>October 22, 2019</b>	Joint Council/Public Utility Board Study Session (TMBN 16, Noon)			
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			
<b>October 29, 2019</b>	City Council Study Session (TMB Council Chambers, Noon)	Department of Ecology's Tacoma Smelter Plume Update	WSDOE/PDS	WA Department of Ecology will be providing an update on the Tacoma Smelter Plume to include progress of soil samplings, yard cleanups and outreach efforts with TPC Health Dept.
	City Council Meeting (TMB Council Chambers, 5:00 PM)			



<b>Community Vitality and Safety</b>			
<b>Committee Members: Blocker (Chair), Beale, Thoms, Ushka, Alternate-Hunter</b> <b>Executive Liaison: Linda Stewart; Staff Support - Bucoda Warren</b>		<b>2nd and 4th Thursdays</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> <b>Room 248</b>	<b>CBC Assignments:</b> • Citizen Police Advisory Committee • Human Services Commission • Human Rights Commission • Housing Authority • Commission on Disabilities • Library Board • Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority
<b>July 25, 2019</b>	Homelessness (Informational)	Neighborhood & Community Services Department	NCS will provide an update on homeless programs focusing on mental health court, regional partnerships, and funding.
	Mental Health and substance Use Disorder (Informational)	Neighborhood & Community Services Department	NCS will provide an update on the collection and use of the mental health tax in Tacoma.
	Northwest Detention Center (Informational)	Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager, City Manager's Office	Will provide a report on the information gathered in response to the Committee's list from the May 9th meeting as well as an approximate timeline for response on the outstanding items.
<b>Future</b>			
<b>August 8, 2019</b>	Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Interviews	Doris Sorum, City Clerk	3 vacancies
	Rental Housing Code update (Informational)	ChiQuata Elder, Office of Equity and Human Rights	Periodic review regarding the impact of the Rental Housing Code so that changes can be made to protect both the rental market or tenant's rights if so warranted.
	Public Safety: Street Crime and Opioid Response (Informational)		
<b>August 22, 2019</b>	State of the Black Community (Informational)	Diane Powers, Director, Office of Equity and Human Rights	A presentation highlighting disparities in health care, education, wealth, housing, and incarceration rates.
	Low birthweight and health equity (Informational)	OEHR	
	Parks Code Amendments (Request for Ordinance)	Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager, City Manager's Office	Tacoma Police Department and Metro Parks Staff will be presenting recommendations for changes to the municipal code regarding park spaces to better improve safety for users.

<b>Economic Development Committee</b>			
<b>Committee Members:</b> Thoms (Chair), Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka Alternate-Beale <b>Executive Liaison:</b> Tadd Wille; <b>Staff Support</b> - Lynda Foster		<b>2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>Room 248</b>	<b>CBC Assignments:</b> •Tacoma Arts Commission •Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District •Foss Waterway •City Events and Recognition Committee
<b>July 23, 2019</b>	LRF Presentation	Elly Walkowiak, Assistant Community & Economic Development Director	
	Council Policy Priorities for EDC (continued)	Tadd Wille, Executive Liaison to EDC	Continued review of Council priorities identified at the 2019 Council Retreat within the scope of EDC
<b>Future</b>			
<b>July 30, 2019</b>	Cancelled		
<b>August 13, 2019</b>	FWDA interviews	Clerks Office	2 vacancies

Government Performance and Finance Committee			
Committee Members: Ibsen (Chair), Blocker, Hunter, Mello, Alternate-Thoms Executive Liaison: Andy Cherullo; Staff Support - Latasha Ware		1st and 3rd Tuesday 10 a.m. Room 248	CBC Assignments: •Public Utility Board •Board of Ethics •Audit Advisory Board •Civil Service Board
August 6, 2019	City-Wide Cultural Improvements	Gary Buchanan, Human Resources Director	HR will update the Committee on the various initiatives currently underway to help the city improve its organizational culture
	TPU Fleet Ordinance	Travis Metcalfe, Tacoma Power	
	Tacoma Power Low-Income Conservation Program	Steve Bicker, Assistant Power Section Manager and Jeremy Stewart, Power Analyst	Tacoma Power will go over its low-income conservation program and recommendations for increasing the utilization of the program.
Future			
August 20, 2019	Tacoma Power Long Range Financial Plan	Bill Berry, Rates, Planning & Analysis manager, Tacoma Power	Information briefing on an update to Tacoma Power's long range financial plans
	wholesale pricing and policy revisions	Sean Senescall, Manager of Tacoma Water Finance & Analytics, Lyna Vo, Water Analyst	Information briefing on an update to Tacoma Water's wholesale pricing
	Govt. Relations	Clark Mather, TPU Government Relations and Anita Gallagher, Gen. Govt. Relations	
September 3, 2019	Cancelled (Holiday)		

**Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee**

<b>Committee Members:</b> Mello (Chair), Beale, Ibsen, McCarthy, Alternate-Hunter <b>Executive Liaison:</b> Kurtis Kingsolver; <b>Staff Support -</b> Rebecca Boydston (Nick Anderson will be covering through June)		<b>1st and 3rd Wednesdays</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> <b>Room 248</b>	<b>CBC Assignments:</b> •Sustainable Tacoma Commission •Planning Commission •Landmarks Preservation Commission •Board of Building Appeals •Transportation Commission
<b>August 7, 2019</b>	Board of Building Appeals Interviews	Doris Sorum, City Clerk	3 vacancies
	Transportation Commission Interviews	Doris Sorum, City Clerk	2 vacancies
	Name Policy Discussion	Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, Planning and Development Services	
	Saltmarsh Park Renaming	Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, Planning and Development Services	
<b>Future</b>			
<b>August 21, 2019</b>	Planning Commission Interviews	Doris Sorum, City Clerk	1 vacancy
	Urban Forestry Management Plan	Mike Carey, Urban Forest Program Manager, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability	Update on progress and work plan for the urban forestry program.
<b>September 4, 2019</b>	Planning Commission Annual Report and Work Program	Brian Boudet, Division Manager, Planning and Development Services	Discussion of the Planning Commission's upcoming work plan and annual report.
	Scooter and Bike Share Franchise Agreement	Jennifer Kammerzell, Principal Engineer, Public Works	A discussion of the scooter and bike share pilot program and next steps.