



City of Tacoma

Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

July 16, 2019

10:00 AM

Chair Anders Ibsen, Vice Chair Lillian Hunter, Keith Blocker,
Ryan Mello, Robert Thoms (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Ibsen called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Present: 4 - Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen and Mello

Approval of Minutes

1. [19-0738](#) Approval of the minutes of the July 2, 2019 meeting

MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2019 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen and Mello

Briefing Items

2. [19-0740](#) Council Rules on Walk on Amendments
[Bill Fosbre, City Attorney, City Attorney's Office]

At approximately 10:04 a.m., Bill Fosbre, City Attorney, presented an overview of the walk on amendments process, including background information regarding the current process for amending Council legislation, process issues, other jurisdictions' processes, and next steps. He stated that there are no state laws that govern how to amend an ordinance or resolution, and the Tacoma City Charter only mentions amendments in Sections 2.14 and

2.24. Mr. Fosbre described the variations of the current amendment process and the policy development process issues, noting public constituent group input, making it fair and equitable, having a solid analysis, transparency, being effective and efficient, being respectful, and questions to ask while drafting the process. Mr. Fosbre concluded by reviewing examples of amendment processes used by other jurisdictions and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding a balanced formal process, flexibility, having a tiered approach, keeping public interest in mind, needing a rule versus protocol, personality-based issues, requiring demonstration of support when making an amendment, policy language, and having a clear problem statement. Discussion continued regarding the benefits of having a rule, suspending a rule, transparency, subjectivity of the current process, clear expectation of needed action, time requirements, and additional desired amendment process details.

3. [19-0741](#)

2025 Metrics

[Jacques Colon, Strategic Plan Manager, Media & Communications Office]

At approximately 10:51 a.m., Jacques Colon, Strategic Plan Manager, Media and Communications Office, made opening remarks regarding implementation of the Tacoma 2025 strategic plan; requested Council Members' guidance moving forward regarding indicators and performance measures; and presented background information, noting the six-month process, large and small community events, and engagement of residents. Mr. Colon stated the information gathered from the process was categorized into five goal areas, including livability, economy and workforce, education, civic engagement, and equity and accessibility. He outlined the success indicators for each of the five goal areas, for a total of twenty-four indicators. He further stated that consideration was taken from a Council priorities frequency analysis, data and metrics, and partner actions and priorities to identify "the vital few," or top tier indicators. Mr. Colon concluded by reviewing the Council priorities frequency analysis, including nine indicators with the highest frequencies, additional indicators with relatively high frequencies, and the remaining indicators; Council priorities and data points, noting voting participation, Tacoma permits, Tacoma community survey, and the Equity Index; and a long-term plan for the application and embedding of indicators into four levels, including policy, budget, operational, and initiatives.

Discussion ensued regarding public perception of safety; clean air, water, and streets; education; next steps; identifying measures for each indicator; getting measures aligned with existing measures; timeline; operational measures; alignment with other strategic plans; increased perception; and execution.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [19-0742](#) August 6, 2019 - City-Wide Cultural Improvements;
Tacoma Public Utilities Fleet Ordinance

Latasha Ware, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on August 6, 2019, and will include presentations regarding Citywide cultural improvements and Tacoma Public Utilities Fleet.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Anders Ibsen, Chair

Mary Crabtree, City Clerk's Office