



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

**December 11, 2018**

**12:00 PM**

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### JOINT MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD

#### Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Ibsen called the joint study session to order at 12:07 p.m.

**Present:** 5 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen and Thoms

**Absent:** 4 - McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Public Utility Board Members:

Present: 5 - Cooley, Flint, Larkin, Patterson, and Chair Jones

Board Member Cooley participated telephonically.

Council Member Mello arrived at 12:12 p.m.

#### Joint City Council/Public Utility Board Briefing Items

1. [18-1477](#) Click! Stakeholder Meetings

At approximately 12:09 p.m., Jackie Flowers, Director, Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU), provided opening remarks; introduced Maralise Hood Quan, Executive Director, and Will Henderson, Business Development Associate, Center for Dialog and Resolution (Center), and Andrea Ramage, Founder and CEO, Somersault Consulting; and presented an overview of Click!'s history.

Council Member Mello arrived here, at 12:12 p.m.

Ms. Hood Quan described the stakeholder collaborative meetings, which were held with various groups; data gathered; and the Center's process of qualitative analysis, observation, and identifying patterns. Ms. Ramage described the stakeholder meeting process and the policy goals reviewed. Ms. Hood Quan explained the policy goal ranking process; the goals as ranked by individuals and groups; qualitative patterns, consistencies, and groupings;

and the top-ranked policy goals overall. Ms. Hood Quan and Ms. Ramage continued with an outline of stakeholder focus questions and responses in priority order, with key services, features, and ideas highlighted. Ms. Hood Quan described themes on the public private partnership concept. Ms. Flowers concluded with a review of next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding perceptions, outreach, and communication; public versus private models; policy statements; stakeholder engagement and the priorities identified; Public Utility Board feedback; financial stability, viability, and legal issues; interconnectedness of policy goals; emphasis on good quality, local customer service; oversight in a public and private partnership model; and the structure of Click!

Ms. Flowers outlined the process after the request for qualifications is complete, including reviewing responses, how the transition might look, and stakeholder input during review.

Discussion concluded regarding the process, focus on dialog, clarity of goals, value of Click!, contract obligations, and next steps.

2. **18-1478**

Continuing Disclosure Update

At approximately 1:29 p.m., Bill Fosbre, City Attorney, provided opening remarks and introduced Deanna Gregory and Stacey Lewis, Pacifica Law Group.

Ms. Gregory presented on antifraud requirements, including laws and relationship to municipal bonds; how antifraud rules apply when speaking to the market; the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) focus on the municipal market, including related enforcement actions; and defense based on a reliance on the advice of professionals. Ms. Lewis explained ongoing amendments to disclosure rules, including SEC Rule 15C2-12, and common themes. She concluded with reviewing best practices, including key components of written procedures and the need for periodic training.

Discussion ensued regarding components of the disclosure process, impact of studies and reports, and updates to disclosures.

The joint study session was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

The regular study session convened at 2:03 p.m.

## City Council Briefing Items

### 3. [18-1479](#) Fast Ferry Feasibility Study

At approximately 2:03 p.m., Ian Munce, Special Assistant to the Director, Planning and Development Services, provided opening remarks and introduced Max Henkell, Pierce Transit, Kristen Kissinger, KPFF Consulting Engineers, and consultant Carla Sawyer, Progressions.

Ms. Kissinger described the Tacoma Fast Ferry feasibility study team; study elements, including routes, technology and policy considerations, and site evaluation; landing site assessments in the areas of Downtown, Old Town, and Point Defiance/Point Ruston; route profile assessments, including transit connections, fare assumptions, travel times, and operating profiles; competitive travel comparisons; and estimated weekday ridership.

Ms. Sawyer reviewed estimated capital costs, including terminal facility costs; vessel costs; start-up costs by landing site; operating costs, including financial performance comparisons and comparison with other regional transit modes; funding needs and opportunities, including start-up investment and ongoing subsidy needs; and concluded with an overview and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the study team, future potential, value of all transportation modes, economic drivers for commuters and visitors, providing access to the widest population, connections with Pierce Transit and other transportation options, cost recovery and feasibility, Council input and involvement, and an option to formally accept the feasibility study.

## Other Items of Interest

### 4. [18-1480](#) Council Consideration Request - 2019 Opioid Summit Funding

Deputy Mayor Ibsen introduced a Council Consideration Request to provide funding for the 2019 Opioid Summit in Pierce County, and stated the item would be placed on the December 18, 2018 City Council meeting agenda.

## Committee Reports

No Committee Reports were given.

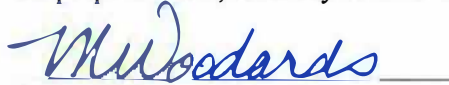
## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

5. [18-1481](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, December 6, 2018

City Manager Elizbaeth Pauli stated there are no ceremonials, and no changes expected on tonight's meeting agenda.

## Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

  
Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

  
Doris Sorum, City Clerk