



City of Tacoma

Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

October 16, 2018

10:00 AM

Chair Anders Ibsen, Vice Chair Ryan Mello,
Keith Blocker, Lillian Hunter, Justin Camarata(alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Ibsen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: 4 - Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen and Mello

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Approval of Minutes

1. [18-1213](#) Approval of the minutes of the October 2, 2018 meeting

MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2018 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 4 - Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen and Mello

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Briefing Items

2. [18-1204](#) Tacoma Municipal Code Title 6 Clean-Up
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager, Finance]

At approximately 10:01 a.m., Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager, Finance, presented an overview of the Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Title 6 amendments, including a general clean up and streamlining of entertainment licenses. She further reviewed the TMC Title 6, including a background and

examples of items included in the clean up. Ms. Larson concluded by describing updates to the entertainment Licenses and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the updates to the entertainment licenses, how the Tax and License Department audits entertainment establishments to ensure equal treatment and paying the appropriate taxes that are in the code, and if the Department rechecks with the establishments to make sure they are compliant. Discussion concluded on input received from establishments and those who that will be affected by the changes to the entertainment licenses.

MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to forward the proposed amendments to TMC Title 6 to the full City Council for consideration.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Camarata.

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

Ayes: 4 - Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen and Mello

Absent: 1 - Blocker

3. [18-1205](#) Entertainment and Show License Update
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager, Finance]

This item was presented under Agenda Item No. 2.

4. [18-1206](#) Study on Minimum Wage
[Sergio Flores, Management Analyst, Tax and License]

At approximately 10:11 a.m., Sergio Flores, Employment Standard Program Manager, Finance, provided an overview on the minimum wage study and reviewed background, issues, recommendations, proposed revisions, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding options to scale down the study instead of removing it altogether, the original intent for the study requirement, an idea to conduct a study in the year 2020 after state-wide minimum wage has gone into place, and an idea to partner with an educational entity to discuss cost of living and the concerns of this particular demographic.

MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to recommend the proposed revisions to TMC Chapter 18.20 Minimum Wage to the full City Council for consideration.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 4 - Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen and Mello

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Discussion ensued regarding clarification on the motion and having the Government Performance and Finance Committee revisit the study in the year 2020.

5. [18-1207](#) Increase to Tacoma Minimum Wage
[Sergio Flores, Management Analyst, Tax and License]

At approximately 10:23 a.m., Mr. Flores, presented on the 2019 minimum wage increase, including an overview, background, and issues.

6. [18-1208](#) Manitou Annexation
[Lihuang Wung, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 10:25 a.m., Lihuang Wung, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services (PDS), reviewed the Manitou Annexation, including an overview; issues reviewed; preliminary financial impacts; the scale of the Manitou area; and fiscal impact, noting revenues, expenditures, and models. Mr. Wung concluded by reviewing the preliminary conclusions, next steps, and recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the Manitou Annexation would resolve the school district service area boundary issue, fiscal impact expenditures, fiscal impact models, the schedule and expectations for pursuing other parts of the Urban Growth Area, the concern of focusing on higher need rather than higher income areas, and why annexation is starting in the Manitou area and not with Browns Point or Dash Point.

MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to recommend the Manitou Annexation to the full City Council for consideration.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 4 - Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen and Mello

Absent: 1 - Blocker

7. [18-1209](#) Proposed Planning and Development Services Fee Changes
[Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 10:48 a.m., Cory Newton, Division Manager, PDS, provided a briefing on the proposed PDS fee changes, including stakeholder feedback, a permit fee jurisdiction comparisons chart, a level of service jurisdiction comparisons chart, and next steps.

8. [18-1210](#) Tacoma Power Long-Range Financial Plan
[Chris Robinson, Superintendent, Tacoma Power]

At approximately 10:51 a.m., Bill Berry, Rates, Planning, and Analysis Manager, Tacoma Power, made opening remarks and provided a briefing on parts of the Tacoma Power Long-Range Financial Plan (LRFP), including the table of contents and Section 1 Highlights, noting the intention to provide an understanding of the various factors that affect finances, financial metrics, historical and projected rate increases, and how TPU rates compare to other power providers in the Northwest. He further reviewed the Highlights section, including why rates must increase, a chart of the annual value of wholesale electric sales, the strategy map for Tacoma Power, historical and scheduled debt service, and actions taken to manage costs. Mr. Berry concluded by describing how stakeholders might use the LRFP.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding TPU rates compared to other power providers and historical and scheduled debt service. Discussion concluded on when the rest of the Council Members would receive the LRFP.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

9. [18-1211](#) November 6, 2018 - Audit Advisory Board Interviews, Board of Ethics Interviews, and Director's Appointment Process.

November 20, 2018 - Livable Wages for Service Contracts, Minimum Wage for Disabled Persons, and Responsive Bidding Process.

Bucoda Warren, Committee Liaison, stated the meeting on November 6, 2018 will include Audit Advisory Board and Board of Ethics interviews, Director and Council Member appointment processes, and the biennial fee schedule adjustments.

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 was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.



Anders Ibsen, Chair

Jessica Jenkins, City Clerk's Office