



City of Tacoma

City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

July 17, 2018

1:30 PM

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD

Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the special joint study session to order at 1:49 p.m.

Present: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Public Utility Board Members:

Present: 4 - Cooley, Jones, Larkin, and Patterson

Absent: 1 - Flint

Briefing Items

1. [18-0801](#) Proposals for the Click! Broadband Partnership

At approximately 1:50 p.m., Joanne Hovis, President, CTC Technology and Energy, provided information on the Click! Broadband Partnership proposals, including a background, the Request for Information and Qualifications (RFI/Q) process, and the companies who submitted proposals. She then provided the framework and results on the analysis of the proposals. Ms. Hovis concluded by describing the context of the analysis, noting the 12 policy goals that were adopted by the City Council and Public Utility Board and provided in the RFI/Q; presented recommendations; and described each company's proposal while making note of concerns.

Discussion ensued regarding areas of conflict with the applicants who are moving forward and the 12 policy goals, net neutrality, how to reconcile extra private investment with the goal of continued public ownership, and how to enforce continued public ownership and preserving competition.

Executive Session - Pending Litigation

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation, not to exceed 30 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Public Utility Board Members:

Ayes: 4 - Cooley, Jones, Larkin, and Patterson

Absent: 1 - Flint

The City Council and Public Utility Board convened to Joint Executive Session at 2:15 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre and Chief Deputy City Attorneys Chris Bacha and Tom Morrill were present.

The Joint Executive Session was extended by 15 minutes at 2:45 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The Joint Executive Session concluded and the joint study session reconvened at 3:07 p.m.

18-0801

Proposals for the Click! Broadband Partnership

Deputy Mayor Ibsen provided information on the public option model regarding Click! and inquired if any Council Members or Board Members would be interested in working with staff to explore this model in further detail.

Discussion ensued regarding the interest in staff to review the public option model, the timeline for review, and coming to a solution.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the special joint study session was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk