



City of Tacoma

Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

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May 03, 2022

10:00 AM

Chair John Hines, Vice Chair Kristina Walker, Joe Bushnell,
Sarah Rumbaugh, Kiara Daniels (alternate), Mark Patterson (ex officio)

Call To Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Hines, Rumbaugh and Daniels

Absent: 2 - Bushnell and Walker

Council Member Walker arrived at 10:06 a.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [22-0512](#)

Monthly Budget Update

[Hayley Falk, Lead Budget Analyst, Office of Management and Budget]

At approximately 10:05 a.m., Hayley Falk, Lead Budget Analyst, Office of Management and Budget, presented the monthly budget update, including agenda; 2021 year end general fund, noting revenues and expense; and 2022 quarter 1 general fund, noting revenues and expense.

Council Member Walker arrived here, at 10:06 a.m.

Falk continued presenting trends being monitored and the development calendar.

Discussion ensued regarding the parking fund, reserve funds, contingency plans, investing funds, budget modifications and savings, and sales tax.

2. [22-0513](#) Tacoma Public Utilities Ratemaking Principles
[Andrew Zaremba, Utilities Economist, Tacoma Water;
Christina Leinneweber, Senior Utilities Economist, Tacoma Power]

At approximately 10:23 a.m., Jim Sant, Deputy Director, Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU), provided opening remarks and introduced Andrew Zaremba, Utilities Economist, Tacoma Water, and Christina Leinneweber, Senior Utilities Economist, Tacoma Power. Together, they presented the TPU rate-making principles, including an overview, basic principles, TPU principles, rate-making process overview, revenue requirement, cost-of-service (COSA) overview, COSA diagram, using COSA results, and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding customer classes, residential customers versus industrial customers, and City of Tacoma rates versus other city's rates.

3. [22-0514](#) Environmental Services Ratemaking Principles
[Christina Curran, Assistant Division Manager, Environmental Services]

At approximately 10:55 a.m., Christina Curran, Assistant Division Manager, Environmental Services (ES), presented ES ratemaking principles, including principles review; strategic plan; ratemaking process; monitoring; and revenue requirement, noting impacts of COVID-19 on revenue requirements.

Mike Slevin, Director, ES, presented capital cost drivers, noting better data, increased costs, timing, and growth; and the 100 year asset plan.

Curran concluded by presenting next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding construction inflation and supply chain issues affecting projects, replacing pipes, and new technologies supporting environmental goals.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [22-0515](#) May 17, 2022 - Public Utility Board Interviews;
Digital Equity Program Refresh Recommendation;
Tacoma Public Library and Digital Equity Part 2
June 7, 2022 - Monthly Budget Update; Tacoma Public Utilities Financial Policies and Strategic Directives; Review of Council Member Part-Time Status

Ted Richardson, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on May 17, 2022, and will include interviews for the Public Utility Board, and

updates on the digital equity program refresh recommendations and the Tacoma Public Library digital equity program. He concluded by stating that the June 7, 2022, meeting will include updates on the monthly budget, the TPU financial policies and strategic directives, and a review of Council Member part-time status.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment given.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.



John Hines, Chair



Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office