



City of Tacoma

Committee of the Whole Minutes

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June 04, 2024

1:30 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

Call To Order

Mayor Woodards called the special meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Woodards

Council Member Diaz participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [24-0611](#) Council Vacancy Process
[Mayor Woodards]

At approximately 1:36 p.m., Nicole Emery, City Clerk, provided an overview of the process to fill a City Council position vacancy, including review of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma requirements in the City Charter, and the application and appointment process. Mayor Woodards outlined previous appointment processes, changes to the Council Rules, and options to move forward.

Discussion ensued regarding alternatives and options to suspend or revise the Council Rules, other time-sensitive topics under consideration, number of applicants, and preferences.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to suspend Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma, to adopt the new timeline and process for this appointment.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Woodards

Mayor Woodards presented the proposed criteria and competencies for candidates used in the 2022 appointment process and requested Council Member feedback.

Discussion ensued regarding adding language specific to Council District No. 4, commitment to and capacity for the level of work, budget experience, Council Member Catherine Ushka's representation, willingness to learn, whether the applicant should plan to run for office in the next election, and next steps.

- 2. [24-0612](#) Charter Review Committee Recommended Amendment - (8) Policing Accountability
[Mayor Woodards]

At approximately 2:11 p.m., Mayor Woodards and City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented an overview of the Charter Review Committee amendment relating to policing accountability, including personnel assumptions, transition costs, and potential fiscal needs.

Discussion ensued regarding placing commissions in the Charter versus in legislation, labor concerns, working with the Community's Police Advisory Committee (CPAC), adding an accountability statement in the Charter, the possibility to bring this forward during a later election once more collaborative work has been done, adding aspirational materials in the Charter, the need to continue working on this amendment, and attending an upcoming CPAC meeting.

- 3. [24-0613](#) Presentation of Language of Council Proposed Charter Amendments
[Mayor Woodards]

At approximately 2:31 p.m., Mayor Woodards opened the discussion on any upcoming Council proposed Charter amendments.

Council Member Walker stated she plans to bring forward an amendment to change references of "citizen" to "resident."

Discussion ensued regarding timing for amendments to come forward in the future.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the special meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery, City Clerk