

Government Performance and Finance Committee

2019

During 2019, the Government Performance and Finance Committee discussed and made recommendations on a number of policy matters. The Government Performance and Finance Committee work summary for the year 2019 is outlined below under the Committee's suggested issue areas in the Council Standing Committee Process Manual.

2019 Year-end Report

ISSUE AREAS	INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS	REQUESTS FOR ACTION	TOTAL ITEMS
Financial management and policies	5	1	6
Taxes, rates, and fees	3	0	3
City employment standards – paid leave and minimum wage	0	5	5
Education programs, services and initiatives	2	0	2
Audit related issues including entry and exit conferences	3	0	3
City workforce development	2	0	2
Risk management	0	0	0
Information technologies	3	0	3
For-hire transportation regulations	0	0	0
Customer Support Service	4	0	4
Other	3	2	5
Total	25	8	33
Percentage of Total Briefings	75.6%	24.4%	
Citizen Committees, Boards, and Commissions Appointments	3		

GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

2019 YEAR-END REPORT

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND POLICIES

Informational Briefings		Date
Water Wholesale Pricing and Policy Initiative [Sean Senescall, Tacoma Water, Finance and Analytics Manager; and Lyna Vo, Tacoma Water, Utilities Economist]		March 5 th
Environmental Services Financial Policies Update [Mike Slevin, Director, Environmental Services]		March 5 th
Tacoma Power Long Range Financial Plan [Bill Berry, Rates, Planning & Analysis manager, Tacoma Power]		August 6 th
Wholesale pricing and policy revisions [Sean Senescall, Manager of Tacoma Water Finance & Analytics, Lyna Vo, Water Analyst]		August 20 th
Tacoma Employee Retirement System (TERS) Update [Tim Allen, Retirement Director]		October 1 st
Request for action	Action taken	Date
Purchasing Thresholds [Patsy Best, Purchasing Manager, Finance Department]	Recommended Adoption ORD28651 – Passed	November 19 th

TAXES, RATES, AND FEES

Informational Briefings		Date
Lift Assist Education Update [Jim Duggan, Fire Chief, Tacoma Fire Department]		January 15 th
Non-Emergent Lift Fee Update [Michael Newhouse, Assistant Fire Chief and Teresa Green, Fire Department Manager]		March 19 th
Pantages Theater Tax Credit [Teresa Sedmak, City Treasurer and Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney]		June 4 th
Affordable Housing Incentives [Clark Mather, TPU Government Relations and Peter Huffman, Planning and Development Services Director]		December 17 th
Request for action	Action taken	Date

CITY EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS – PAID LEAVE AND MINIMUM WAGE

Informational Briefings	Date	
Request for action	Action taken	Date
6B.70 and 6B.80 Entertainment License Amendments [Danielle Larson, Tax & License Manager]	Recommended Adoption ORD28594 - passed	June 4th
Title 6 Clean-Up/Repeal of Sign Erectors License [Jenni Barrett, Tax & License Operations Manager]	Recommended Adoption ORD28593 - Passed	June 4th
Title 18 – Employment Standards – Minimum Wage and Paid Sick Leave [Danielle Larson, Tax & License Manager]	Recommended Adoption ORD28646 - passed	October 5th
Title 6 in response to HB1403 [Danielle Larson, Tax & License Manager]	Recommended Adoption ORD 28647 - passed	November 5 th
Title 18 Employment Standards [Danielle Larson, Tax & License Manager]	Recommended Adoption ORD 28646 - passed	November 19th

EDUCATION PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND INITIATIVES

Informational Briefings	Date
2025 Metrics [Jacques Colon, Strategic Plan Manager]	July 16th
Low-income bill assistance and energy efficiency programs	August 6th

[Steve Bicker, Assistant Power Section Manager / Customer Energy Programs; Jeremy Stewart, Power Analyst; and Francine Artis, Assistant Customer Service Manager]		
Request for action	Action taken	Date

AUDIT RELATED ISSUES INCLUDING ENTRY AND EXIT CONFERENCES

Informational Briefings	Date
Exit Conference for Moss Adams and Entrance Conference for State Auditor [Susan Calderon, Assistant Finance Director and Linda Mastin, State Auditor]	June 18th
2017 exit accountability audit, 2018 exit federal & financial audit, and 2018 entrance accountability audit [Susan Calderon, Assistant Finance Director and Linda Mastin, State Auditor]	October 15th
2019 Moss Adams entrance conference [Susan Calderon, Assistant Finance Director and Linda Mastin, State Auditor]	December 17th
Request for action	Action taken

CITY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Informational Briefings	Date
Workforce Central Contract Extension [Teresa Sedmak, City Treasurer and Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney]	June 4th
Tacoma Anchor Institutions Network [Tanisha Jumper, Media and Communications Director; Bucoda Warren, Senior Management Fellow]	September 17th
Civil Service Board Update [Becky Summers]	November 5th
Request for action	Action taken

RISK MANAGEMENT

Informational Briefings	Date

Request for action	Action taken	Date

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

Informational Briefings	Date
Annual Open Data and Results253 Report [Jared Eyer, Senior Management and Budget Analyst, Office of Management and Budget]	March 5th
Forterra Public Asset Mapping Project [Nick Bratton, Policy Director, Forterra]	July 2nd
Rainier Connect Cable TV Purchasing Agreement [Jeff Lueders, Information Technology Supervisor]	November 5th
Request for action	Action taken

FOR HIRE TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS

Informational Briefings	Date
Request for action	Action taken

CUSTOMER SUPPORT SERVICE

Informational Briefings	Date
Request for action	Action taken

OTHER

Informational Briefings	Date
Participatory Budgeting Pilot [Katie Johnston, Budget Director, Office of Management and Budget]	July 2nd
City-Wide Cultural Improvements [Tadd Wille, Deputy City Manager]	August 6th
Government Relations Update	August 20th

[Clark Mather, TPU Government Relations and Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager]		
City of Tacoma Public Records Act Compliance [Tadd Wille, Deputy City Manager]		November 19 th
Commissions, Boards, Committees' Review [Lisa Woods, Assistant to the City Manager and Latasha Ware, Management Fellow]		December 3 rd
Request for action	Action taken	Date
Council Rules on Walk on Amendments [Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]	Asked staff to return with additional information	July 16 th
Council Rules on Walk on Amendments (Update to include committee suggestions) [Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]	Recommended adoption RES40508	September 17 th

Citizen Committees, Boards, and Commissions

Applicant Interviews for Citizen Committees, Boards, and Commissions	Interviews	Appointments
Public Utility Board Interviews	8	1
Board of Ethics Interviews	3	2
Total	11	3

Council Strategic Planning Work Session Priorities

In February, the City Council set their priorities for the year and assigned policy interests to each of the standing committees for development. Staff worked with Chair Ibsen to organize the topics and bring relevant presentations to the committee. The topics are listed below, and topics not brought to the committee have been noted so they can be scheduled for 2020.

- Coordination of youth engagement (Designated to Mayor's Office – formed Mayor's Youth Commission)
- Lincoln Park (Moved to CVS)
- Affordable Housing (December 17, 2019)
 - Mayor's Affordability Roundtable (Designated to Mayor's Office)
- Tenants Commission (Moved to CVS)
- Regional coordination around green jobs (Moved to EDC)

- Permitting South Sound Alliance (December 17, 2019 – in conjunction with affordable housing)
 - Regional effort to consolidate permitting

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