



City of Tacoma

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MINUTES
CITIZEN COMMISSION ON ELECTED SALARIES
Special Meeting
Virtual via Zoom
Thursday, August 27, 2020
6:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER : Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Chair Wilkinson

II. ROLL CALL: HR Liaison Olson

PRESENT:

Officers: Chair Wilkinson, Vice Chair Yust

Members: Klaus Nalley, Mary-Brittany Yaworski

Absent: Patricia O'Conner, Brandon Kindsch

III. CITY OF TACOMA BUDGET REVIEW:

Kathryn Johnston, Budget Office for the City of Tacoma, provided review of the City's current budget situation with covid-19 via Power Point.

- Over half of the utility is stable
- Permitting, Tacoma Dome, Parking all pay for themselves
- Internal services not in debt and not impacted (IT, HR)
- 2020 has been bad and 2021 could potentially be worse with impacts on labor and business activity and unemployment at 10%
- Sales tax down 20% in June
- This forecast is conservative, the next update may be better
- Next Biennium 67 million gap in general fund, homeless programs, library
- Lots of uncertainty with Covid-19 impact, closures going on so long, spring brought official recession expected through 2022
- Total of 3.5 Billion dollar for City Biennium

IV. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 3, 2020:

Motion to approve: Vice Chair Julie Yust



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Second: Commissioner Mary-Brittany Yaworski

Ayes: Commission Chair Richard Wilkinson, Vice Chair Julie Yust, Commissioner Klaus Nalley, Commissioner Mary-Brittany Yaworski

Nays: 0

V. MAYOR AND COUNCIL SALARIES:

- Vice Chair Yust states she has a hard time with the economic uncertainty and the recession giving increases
- Commissioner Yaworski states she appreciates all the Mayor said when we met with her prior to Covid-19, but it feels it would be irresponsible and not in the City's best interest to give increases.
- Commissioner Nalley states he is on board with no increase. He was disappointed the Mayor did not write a letter like the Mayor of Fircrest did
- Commission Chair Wilkinson states he agrees with no increase, as it would be breaking faith with the workforce and community. He thanks HR for the updated salary information provided for surrounding area Mayors. He notes that the Everett and Auburn Mayors make much more and thinks it could be raised but not until 2021-2022.
- Vice Chair Yust agrees. She was onboard but since Covid -19 it does not seem to be the responsible thing to do.

Motion for no salary increase for the Mayor and City Council: Commission Nalley

Second: Vice Chair Yust

Ayes: Commission Chair Richard Wilkinson, Vice Chair Julie Yust, Commissioner Klaus Nalley, Commissioner Mary-Brittany Yaworski

Nays: 0

VI. COMMISSIONER TERMS

- Chair Wilkinson states charter and resolution 38956 are ambiguous on commission replacement terms and if the Commission is able to reappoint Commissioners. Until there is clarification, proceed with reappointments



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Motion to reappoint Mary Brittany Yaworski and Julie Yust to new three-year term: Chair Wilkinson

Second: Commissioner Nalley

Ayes: Commission Chair Richard Wilkinson, Vice Chair Julie Yust, Commissioner Klaus Nalley, Commissioner Mary-Brittany Yaworski

Nays: 0

VII. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Propose to have Council Member at next meeting
- Clarification on member terms with City Clerk and Legal
- Will work to get an appointment replacement for Chad Arceneaux
- Chair Wilkinson proposes that the Commission does not meet in November as it is the day before the Election and no decision are due. All commission member concur

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to end meeting: Vice Chair Yust

Second: Commission Nalley

Ayes: Chair Wilkinson, Vice Chair Yust, Mary-Brittany Yaworski, Klaus Nalley

Nays: 0