



Charter Review

Public Utilities Subcommittee Minutes

Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Room 148
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April 10, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.

Chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: 5 – Baker, Brackett, Farrell (arrived at 5:37 p.m.),
Martinez, and Miller.

Committee Members Excused Absence: 2 – Horne and Leighton.

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 27, 2014

Committee Member Miller moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Committee Member Brackett. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Council Sending Items to Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) for Consideration

At approximately 5:32p.m., Committee Member Brackett introduced proposed recommended language amendments to Section 4.14. Discussion ensued regarding language.

Committee Member Brackett moved to recommend this amendment forward to the full Committee. Seconded by Committee Member Baker. Discussion ensued regarding rationale for and against.

Committee Member Farrell arrived here, at 5:37 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding rationale for and against, and recommended language.

Committee Member Baker called for the question. Voice vote was taken and carried with Committee Member Miller voting in opposition. The motion was adopted.

TPU Director Performance Evaluations

At approximately 5:41 p.m., Chair Martinez introduced the topic of TPU Director Performance Evaluations.

Committee Member Miller moved to forward the proposed recommended language amendments to Section 4.18 to the full Committee as written. Seconded by



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Committee Member Baker. Discussion ensued regarding when the performance of the Director of Utilities should be reviewed, retention of appointed positions, and supervision by an elected position.

Committee Member Baker moved to amend the last line of the second paragraph to read the year 2017 and include that the City Council has final determination. Seconded by Committee Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Discussion continued regarding the amended language.

Voice vote was taken on the motion, as amended, and carried with Committee Member Brackett voting in opposition. The motion as amended was adopted.

F-1 Reporting for Employees and Citizen Board/Commission Members

At approximately 6:04 p.m., Chair Martinez introduced proposed recommended language regarding financial reporting. Discussion ensued regarding action items.

Committee Member Miller moved to forward the proposed recommended language to the full Committee as written. Seconded by Committee Member Farrell. Discussion ensued regarding rationale for and against change, and language relating to financial affairs.

Committee Member Brackett moved to amend the proposed recommended language to strike "F-1". Seconded by Committee Member Miller. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Voice vote was taken on the motion, as amended, and carried. The motion as amended was adopted.

City Council Retention of Management Consulting Firm for all City Utilities

At approximately 6:14 p.m., Chair Martinez introduced proposed recommended language regarding City Council retention of a management consulting firm for all City Utilities.

Committee Member Baker moved to forward the proposed recommended language to the full Committee. Seconded by Committee Member Miller. Discussion ensued regarding who should choose the consulting firm.

Linda McCrea, Tacoma Water Superintendent, reviewed the current TPU structure for obtaining a consulting firm for reviews every ten years. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed recommended language.



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Committee Member Miller moved to amend the proposed language to include a full management review of all utilities. Seconded by Committee Member Brackett. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed recommended language, strategic plans, and Section 2.27. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Voice vote was taken on the motion, as amended, and carried. The motion as amended was adopted.

Committee Member Miller moved to ask the Form of Government Subcommittee to further amend Section 2.27 to account for an elected executive's presence. Seconded by Committee Member Baker. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Public Comment

None.

Committee Comments

Chair Martinez stated that this Subcommittee has completed their work and will no longer be holding regularly scheduled meetings.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Mark P. Martinez, Chair



Marisa Tetreault, Administrative Assistant, Public Works