

**From:** Kit Burns <kburns.wcb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:59 PM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office  
**Cc:** Woodards, Victoria; Blocker, Keith; Tacoma Public Utility Board  
**Subject:** ORD28726 - AMI Project - December 15, item 21

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Dear Mayor Woodards,

Regarding ORD 28726.  
This is the "OPT OUT" provision for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project.

Please note that it may not be clear (or maybe it is) that the Opt Out provision is only for Electric meters. Water meters don't have that option.

The cost of the Opt Out Program appears prohibitive and punitive. At \$180 a year most will not be able to opt out.

Two states have a model that the citizens can opt out at no cost. That should be our model. The states are Vermont and New Hampshire.

REQUEST - I would like to be sure that you and all City Council Members are familiar with the TPU Website and that you have arranged to have a "My Account" access. Even if you don't pay on-line it is important that you have access and know what fantastic and robust features it has.

Once you have accessed it on your computer, then do the same thing on your phone. It is really amazing. And you have multiple options for methods of paying.

Why do I ask that everyone be aware of this benefit?

When I suggest to the Council that the AMI program is not necessary, a key point is that there is no business case. You see that the features are already available today. Compare the features available with those promised.

I hope that the Council will ask as I have, "Why are we spending more than \$100 million to offer essentially the same benefits?"

Also, what documentation do we have that "spending \$100 million on the AMI program is actually a benefit to everyone rate payer in the City?"

Don't we need housing? Don't we need Citywide Internet connections for every student, worker, and person? That might be a higher priority. I think it is.

Take the Water Meter Program. TPU has documentation indicating that to replace a standard meter is \$75. To replace it with an AMI meter is \$250. Why would we do that?

I think the failed Gateway program from 2009 and their 18,000 meters could be replaced. And the AMI program should stop there.

The City's budget and future rate hikes for power and water would benefit from not spending \$23 million Power and \$29 million Water AMI.

I recommend this be discussed in a Public Meeting and the Cost/Benefit be discussed. I have been looking at AMI meters for the past 12 years. So far it is clear that we will not benefit in spite of claims that have been made.

Thank you,

Again, but sure to check out the TPU website. Then Compare it with the business case. Ask if it is worth more than \$100 million?

Sincerely,

Kit Burns

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"A nation that continues to spend more year after year on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual doom." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

**From:** David Bluhm <d\_bluhm@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 1:41 PM  
**To:** Woodards, Victoria  
**Cc:** City Clerk's Office; City Manager; Hines, John; Thoms, Robert; Blocker, Keith; Ushka, Catherine; Beale, Chris; McCarthy, Conor; Walker, Kristina; Hunter, Lillian; marilyn@greatervoice.org  
**Subject:** Dear Mayor & City Council...

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

This email is not necessarily for tonight's city council meeting, yet the facts of what is provided should weigh in for and to your consideration of every issue before you for the foreseeable future.

It is also for your future serious consideration for tideflats non-interim and interim regulations and allowing fossil fuels to continue to predominate and suppress the development and implementation of renewable energy technologies.

For every time fossil fuels, or so called bridge fuels (which LNG is not if looked at from cradle to grave lifespan), are given another breath of life the more carbon, the more GHGs and the more climate change and global warming will be locked into as an irreversible and unmanageable future for huwombnity, humanity, and all inhabitants of our shared nest, Planet Earth.

This Rolling Stone article alone is very well done, providing accredited resources and references for further substantiation:

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.rollingstone.com/culture/culture-features/climate-change-risks-infectious-diseases-covid-19-ebola-dengue-1098923/amp/>

The Oil Report article on LNG is likewise important to comprehend. Please see the articles linked to in the left side notes of this particular article as well. Specifically, the one declaring "Oil Industry Ignoring Reports for Bear Markets".

<https://oilprice.com/Energy/Natural-Gas/Bombshell-Report-Pours-Cold-Water-On-Global-LNG-Outlook.html>

As I replied to the Climate Justice Action Planning survey question, 'What could prevent us from achieving a sustainable Tacoma',

Answer: "Any effort or action to reclaim, regain, or perpetuate the crassly unsustainable economic and industrial growth of the past will be a barrier to achieving the sustainability that is required to create any kind of remotely healthy or acceptable living conditions for the generations that are currently alive and any future generations. In short, attempting to go back to 'business as usual' is the most significant barrier. The existing paradigm, mentalities, methods, strategies, tactics and practices are all barriers to achieving a sustainable Tacoma, state, nation or global economy and acceptably livable future."

It is long past time for our amazing technological inventions, innovations to work for the best of the planet, the people and all of the Earth's inhabitants. Enough is enough when it is killing us and entire or large quantities of ecosystems.

I do not have all the answers, but it is 100% logical that the future cannot look like the past. It is past time to do something substantially different. Substantially different will be requiring economic to fit inside the model of putting planet, people/inhabitants of planet first instead of the opposite.

Thank you,

David  
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**Pronouns: He, His, Him, Himself [some non-sexual contexts: our(s), they, them, themselves]**

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**From:** Doricia Lang <daytheheir@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2020 10:55 AM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Concerning the wellbeing of our Tacoma ...given directly to mayor's staff

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I'm blessed to know that someone who has a heart for the community has the central focus for the utmost care of its people. I am Minister Doricia Lang. My young son and his fam have lived many years in the Tacoma area many years. They have raised their 3 children in its schools. One thing that deeply concerns my family and I are the needs of the growing population of homeless. I have shared this suggestion with Gov. Jay Inslee. There are many schools, state owned, that could almost immediately be used as an very workable answer for this painful situation worldwide. Social distancing is easily workable. To retrofit restrooms with shower facilities. Or even some of the classes could also be used that way. Again feasible. Please be the first to implement this answer to an extremely more and more daily painful and ever growing crisis. Also as I walked yesterday I saw what, until those Schools can be a reasonable safe environment, areas in some of the city owned parks in the areas where only thorn bushes could be cleared away and of course some built up of ground so that Tent Cities can be implemented. The trash could be patrolled by traffic offenders to work of tickets etc. Many of our neighborhoods stores and maybe some businesses maybe for taxes credits could be sure people eat. Some would be willing to donate too. We all know that it may take til the end of this next decade to right This tragic reality. This has crushed the nation I love. This is God's creation. He made no mistakes but some have. We have to join forces with the same common goals and determinations. It all can be fixed. But everyone has to understand that Jesus said "if you've done unto the least of these you have done it unto ME." I have further things in mind. The Governor's of several states have also received this same insight. Also take a look at AZ. Law requiring breaththlizers in cars mandatory for any one who is caught drunk and or drug impaired. In entering the vehicle the person can not start the vehicle without testing sobriety. This I personally have known of this for 13 years. I think to especially vehicles with young drivers could deeply bring so much peace to parents etc. I am so honored to know in my heart Tacoma has a mayor and city council who want everything for the people of their city. God salute you for your willingness to make wrong things right.Sincerely, Minister D.A. Lang Contact me: 808 657 5451. Or above email address.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Annie <etaiwa@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 11, 2020 5:44 PM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Vote No!

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Dear Tacoma City Council,

Vote NO on the effort to part from the Pierce County Health Department!!!!

Elizabeth 'Annie' Tustison

Gender: "+". Ethnicity: Pacific Islander. Pronoun: Your Royal Highness. Age: Older than FB. Political View: Everyone is wrong but moi. Religion: I am religion. Education: B.S. majoring in Lesbian Carpentry, School of Hard Knocks

P.S. Board member of OTR with Partners Cafe & CHC of Tacoma, Certified Peer Counselor, IOOV Presenter for NAMI. And just plain awesome.