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MINUTES
City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Study Session
June 8, 2016
3:00 p.m.

Mr. Flint called the Public Utility Board study session to order at 3:04 p.m. at the Public Utilities Administration Building.

Present: Bryan Flint, Woodrow Jones, Mark Patterson, Karen Larkin (arrived 3:13), Monique Trudnowski (arrived 4:10)

Auditor's Exit Conference

Olga Darlington, of the Moss Adams Accounting Firm, outlined her firm's responsibilities under the U. S. auditing standards. The audit began on January 27, 2016. Ms. Darlington reported that all TPU operating divisions received unmodified audit opinions, no material weaknesses, fraudulent acts, or significant deficiencies were found.

T-Town Report Out

Jim Sant, Deputy Director for Administration, stated that the T-Town Expo was held on May 7 at the Tacoma Dome. The purpose of the event was to raise awareness and showcase city services, educate and exchange ideas with citizens, and receive feedback from citizens. All operating divisions hosted stations at the event such as: water service main connection demonstration, water quality sampling, power bucket truck, conservation and energy usage, Click! games, and Rail hy-rail vehicles. Mr. Sant recognized staff who helped with the event and gave special recognition to Randy Stearnes for overall event coordination. Positive survey results on the event were shared. The City plans another T-Town event in two years.

Miscellaneous

Director Gaines gave a brief report on TPU's participation in the region-wide Cascadia Rising earthquake drill that simulates the impacts and aftermath of a 9.0 Cascadia subduction zone earthquake and tsunami. The military, various government agencies, and utility companies participated. TPU participation is part of larger effort began last year to enhance emergency planning. Linda McCrea, Water Superintendent, is the executive team sponsor for emergency planning. Superintendent McCrea outlined the various steps of the drill, which also includes simulations, opening of the Emergency Operations Center, FEMA coordination, and an exercise debrief.

Executive Session

Mr. Patterson made a motion to convene an executive session at 4:00 for 90 minutes for the purpose to discuss the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g); seconded

by Mr. Jones. At 5:30 the executive session was extended for 30 minutes. The executive session was adjourned at 6:00.

Adjournment

The study session was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled study session on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

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Mark Patterson, Chair

Woodrow E. Jones, Jr., Secretary