



**City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting**

**October 28, 2026; 6:30 p.m.
Tacoma Public Utilities – Ground Floor Auditorium
3628 S 35th Street, Tacoma WA 98409**

**Join remotely: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84626080846>
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Call to Order

Roll Call

A. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings

B. Comments by the Public

C. Recognitions:

a. E-Source Mobility Award

D. Regular Agenda

Departmental

- D-1** Resolution U-11631- A resolution to award certain contracts and approve certain purchases:
1. Increase contract to Upwork Global, Inc., for freelance resources that supplement internal staff capacity and capabilities (\$200,000. Projected contract total \$600,000, plus applicable taxes) [Ryan McLaughlin, Power Utility Mgr];
 2. Increase and extend contract to Siemens Industry, Inc., for renewal of the EnergyIP Core System maintenance and support agreement (\$556,496, plus applicable taxes. Projected total \$954,682, plus applicable taxes. Extension through November 30, 2031) [Michael Axworthy, Technology Manager];
 3. Increase and extend contract with UPSTREAM PBC, for short- and long-term hydrologic models to inform water management, planning, and operational decisions for the Cowlitz, Nisqually, and Cushman hydroelectric projects (\$180,062.62, plus applicable taxes. Projected total \$549,936.62, plus applicable taxes. Extension through December 31, 2028) [Saul Villarreal, Power Utility Mgr].
- D-2** Resolution U-11632 – Amend and revise Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 12.01, Utility Charges, to update certain Customer Experience and External Affairs fees to better reflect current service delivery costs and make related administrative revisions, effective April 1, 2027 [Shana Williams, Customer Services Mgr].
- D-3** Resolution U-11633 – Authorize revisions to Tacoma Public Utilities Customer Services Policies to modernize customer service requirements, establish standards for customer text messaging, and formalize the lobby code of conduct [Shana Williams, Customer Services Mgr].

- D-4 Resolution U-11634 – Authorize revisions to Tacoma Public Utilities Utility Privacy Policy to clarify permitted customer information sharing for utility operations, strengthen protections for text messaging consent information, and update privacy administration [Shana Williams, Customer Services Mgr].

Tacoma Power

- D-5 Resolution U-11635 - Approve declaration of surplus for distribution transformers no longer needed for Tacoma Power's current or future needs and authorize the sale of this equipment to the highest responsive bidder [Sean Veley, Power Field Operations Sr. Supervisor].

Per RCW 35.94.040, a public hearing on the sale of surplus equipment will be held

- D-6 Resolution U-11636 – Amend Chapter 12.06A of the Tacoma Municipal Code, Electrical Code, relating to inspection and permitting fees to recover additional and increased operating costs, effective January 1, 2027 [Mike Johnson, Central Business District Supv].
- D-7 Resolution U-11637 – Approve customer-funded contracts for Contributions In Aid of Construction that exceed \$500,000 in advance and authorize the Director of Utilities to directly execute such customer-funded contracts without additional Board action [Mike Johnson, Central Business District Supv].
- D-8 Resolution U-11638 – Amend and revise Tacoma Municipal Code 12.06, adjusting retail electric rates effective April 1, 2027 and April 1, 2028; revising pole fees, amending terms and credits related to customer-owned generation, and repealing rate Schedule EF effective April 1, 2027 and April 1, 2028 as specified [Ying Hall, Power Utility Section Mgr].

Tacoma Water

- D-9 Resolution U-11639 – Authorize Tacoma Water to update the Water Rate and Financial Policy to include additional language and revisions on fund balance minimums, targets, maximums, and remediation measures [Hayley Falk, Financial Services Mgr].
- D-10 Resolution U-11640 – Amend and revise Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 12.10 regarding water rates for two Tacoma Water rate adjustments effective January 1, 2027 and January 1, 2028 [Hayley Falk, Financial Services Mgr].

Tacoma Rail

- D-11 Resolution U-11641 – Authorize Tacoma Rail to reissue Tacoma Municipal Belt Line 8807 series freight switching tariff for an effective date of January 1, 2027 and a switching tariff supplement with an effective date of January 1, 2028 [Dan McCabe, Asst. Rail Supt].

Departmental

D-12 Motion 26-07 - A motion to approve the Department of Public Utilities 2027/2028 budget, as submitted and filed with the Clerk of the Board, be accepted and approved and the City Council is requested to approve the same as provided by Section 4.12 of the Charter of the City of Tacoma [Jackie Flowers, Director of Utilities].

E. Adjournment

The Public Utility Board may enter a closed or executive session at any time during an open public meeting as provided by law.



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