

## League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County Observer Corps

Name of Agency: Tacoma City Council Date: August 7 2018  
Observer Reporting: Carol Rikerd \_\_\_\_\_ \*Length of Meeting: about 30 minutes  
Members Present/Absent: Mayor Woodard away, Dep. Mayor Ibsen conducted, councilwoman Hunter tele-participant  
Others Present (i.e., media, public): not a public forum meeting

**Content (What is being discussed):** i.e., *Did they approve some **action**? Does anything **relate to League priorities or positions**? If so, **do you recommend** local league action? Was **access** to materials for certain agenda items limited or excluded from you? Was background material available to the public?*

This was a very short meeting due to conflict with the Safe Streets National Night Out.  
The agenda was followed.

There were no objections or amendments to the Minutes filed with the City Clerk or the Consent Agenda Minutes. All were voted consent. Minutes documents may be viewed on the city web pages.

There were no proclamations or recognitions.

Public Comment time had one speaker, who expressed dissatisfaction with the City's implementation of the LEAP (Local Employment and Apprenticeship Program) opportunities and what he felt was a lack of response from Council members to his complaints. Leap information can be found here:

<http://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=1132>

Public Comments are requested in the agenda to be pertinent to items on the agenda. The comments above were not pertinent, yet the Council listened with respect and some concern to the citizen speaker.

Items passed were: appointment of individuals to the City Events and Recognitions Committee, purchase orders for paving materials and street sweeper maintenance.

This was an efficiently run meeting.

**Public Meetings of interest to League** – i.e., *Were there any public meetings announced that you think League members may be interested in attending and/or becoming involved with the issue?*

Resolutions come to the Tuesday evening meetings ready to be voted on. The Council has Study secondary Legislative Body" meetings, and it was suggested to me to attend to hear debate. Agendas for the Study meetings are at:

<https://cityoftacoma.legistar.com/DepartmentDetail.aspx?ID=22635&GUID=58DDFC5-5FA2-4415-8921-5B6F51A0A80B&R=38569913-8d77-48f3-90a3-c257653bbee1>

Topics to be discussed are listed by scheduled date under meeting details, and can be found for several months in advance. Citizens interested in a specific issue may want to check the meeting details to find which Study sessions to attend. Process & Protocol (Observations about participants, conduct, and procedures of the meeting, and appropriate accommodations for disabled in sight hearing and physical):

i.e., Did the members appear to have done their "homework"? Were members courteous to each other and the public? How does the group respond to your presence?

Our Council members are civil and considerate to each other and the public.

The Council Chambers are easily accessible for disabled, although a sign interpreter was not present. Wheel chair reserved spots are marked in several places, and a public speaker microphone is positioned to accommodate a wheel chair.