

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

*Name of Agency:* Tacoma City Council

*Date:* January 29, 2019

*Observer Reporting:* C Rikerd

*Length of Meeting:* 15 minutes

*Members Present/Absent:* Council Member Blocker absent

*Others present (i.e. media, public):*

**Content (what is being discussed):** *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?*

Minutes of the Planning Commission from Oct 17, 2018 to December 19, 2018 are filed with the city clerk. Also filed are Public Utility Board study session and Board Meeting Dec 12, 2018, and Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees Nov 14 and Dec 19, 2018. Minutes can be read from agenda links.

Motion to remove RES40223 from the agenda for further review in committee. Motion adopted.

Motion to remove RES40223 by request of staff. Motion adopted.

RES40217 – sets date for public hearing on accessory dwellings. Adopted.

RES40218 - contract \$1,405,600, plus applicable taxes for an integrated automatic vehicle location collections management solution. Adopted

RES40219 – contract for property rights acquisition on East 64<sup>th</sup> St. Adopted

RES40220 – contract for restoration of 13 blocks of streets, ADA ramps and storm improvements.

Deputy mayor abstained due to potential conflict of interest. Adopted

RES40221 – amends contract with Tacoma Humane Society with increased funds \$20,225 for gap in 2017-18 budget. Adopted with one abstention.

RES40222 – contract for animal sheltering for 2019-2020. Adopted with one abstention.

Council Member McCarthy abstained due to the potential for an appearance of conflict of interest.

ORD28570 - An ordinance amending Chapter 1.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Administration, to simplify and streamline the approval process for cancellation of uncollectible amounts, under \$25,000 due to the City. For 2018 the total write off would be \$2,700,000.

The final reading will be next week.

ORD28571 – A change in the pay rate for Public Disclosure Analyst and Specialist classifications. These positions were overlooked in the previous budget.

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Reports – Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Committee discussed recommendations for Citizen Police Advisory Committee, and discussed the resolutions for Humane Society funding.

**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?

The subjects of meetings are available a few days in advance at the City of Tacoma website.

***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?*

Yes and Yes. This meeting was reviewed as a video recording.