



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

February 19, 2019

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

Mayor Woodards participated telephonically.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Blocker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [19-0157](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, January 29, 2019.
2. [19-0159](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, January 23, 2019.
3. [19-0153](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, January 16, 2019.
4. [19-0154](#) Disclosure of Remote Interest pursuant to Tacoma City Charter Section 6.6 and Municipal Code Section 1.46.030 A and B as follows:
Name Council Member Chris Beale
Affiliation ForeverGreen Trails, Board Member

CONSENT AGENDA

5. [19-0155](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, October 30, 2018.
6. [19-0156](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, November 6, 2018.
7. [19-0117](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 23, 2018.
8. [19-0160](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 30, 2018.
9. [19-0161](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, November 6, 2018.

RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES40232](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at approximately 5:30 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Open Space Current Use Assessment application by Christine and Karl Anderson, for the property located at 811 North Karl Johan Avenue.
[Larry Harala, Associate Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40232.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40232. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:05 p.m.

No one came forward to address the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:06 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES40233](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Axum General Construction Inc, in the amount of \$395,743.40, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a total of \$455,104.91, budgeted from the Street Fund, for pedestrian and safety improvements at First Creek Middle School and Lister Elementary School - Specification No. PW18-0433F.
[Darius Thompson, Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40233.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

12. [RES40234](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Dickson Company, in the amount of \$918,050.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a total of \$1,055,757.50, budgeted from the Street and Streets Initiative Funds, for the disposal of construction debris, for an initial contract term of one year, with the option to renew for four additional one-year terms, for a projected contract total of \$5,833,726.63 - Specification No. PW18-0482F.
[Rae Bailey, Street Operations Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40234.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

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13. [RES40235](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Kenyon Disend, PLLC, in the amount of \$100,000, for a total not to exceed \$300,000, budgeted from the Solid Waste and Wastewater Funds, for legal services related to completing implementation of requirements of the Consent Decree, rewriting Chapter 12.09 of the Municipal Code, and continuing to provide legal services regarding environmental law matters.
[Chris Bacha, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40235.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

14. [RES40236](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce Transit, in the amount of \$390,325, budgeted from the Human Resources Internal Services Fund, for One Regional Card for All (ORCA) Business Cards, and vanpool and vanshare services, as part of the City's Commute Trip Reduction Program for 2019.
[Kari Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40236.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

15. [ORD28573](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to clarify leave deposits and remove language regarding a cash-out option, to align with the Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association Plan document.
[Kari Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28573 was set over for final reading next week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

16. [19-0098](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed accessory dwelling unit regulations, as recommended by the Planning Commission, and modified by the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee.
[Elliott Barnett, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

The public hearing occurred later in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided information on adult, young adult, and youth shelter services during the recent inclement weather; noted that TacomaFIRST 311 has received more than 88,000 requests since opening in 2013; and concluded by thanking staff from Public Works and Environmental Services for their diligent work to ensure the safety of our residents.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Mello, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the January 23, 2019 meeting, the Committee received presentations on the status of killer whales and salmon recovery, and detached accessory dwelling units. He stated at the February 13, 2019 meeting, the Committee received presentations on the iDEA School Permeable Pavement Project, Right-of-Way Residential Electric Vehicle Charging Pilot Program, and Joint Base Lewis-McChord airport compatibility. Council Member Mello concluded by stating the next meeting will be on February 27, 2019, and will include interviews for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission and presentations on traffic calming and the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

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The City Council recessed at 5:18 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

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The public hearing began at 5:30 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Taylor Shanaman, Tacoma-Pierce County Association of Realtors (TPCAR).
2. Jessie Gamble, Master Builders Associations of Pierce County.
3. James Fisher, TPCAR.
4. Deborah Cade, resident.
5. Liz Kaster, 2905 North 9th Street.
6. Molly Nichols, 1522 North Oakes Street.
7. Jay Atkinson, 5801 Orchard Street West.
8. Martha Ward, resident.
9. Chris Ferguson, 502 North 11th Street.
10. Corey Hjalseth, 3620 North 12th Street.
11. Heidi White, 4705 South American Lake Boulevard.
12. Sarah Howe, 1502 South Mildred Street.
13. Dr. Allen Ratcliffe, 1424 North Winnifred Street.
14. Carl Anderson, resident.
15. Vern McDonald, 7919 Interlaaken Drive Southwest, Lakewood.
16. Todd McKellips, Puyallup.
17. David Fisher, 708 Market Street.
18. Tanya Webking, resident.
19. Christal Chiu, resident.
20. Cady Chintis, 1522 6th Avenue.
21. Alex Trettin, 702 North Warner Street.
22. Devin Rydel Kelly, 910 South "M" Street.
23. Traci Drake, 4911 North 27th Street.
24. Denise Hartley, 4911 North 27th Street.
25. Holly Rydel Kelly, 910 South "M" Street.

The public hearing ended at 6:47 p.m.

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Deputy Mayor McCarthy thanked all those who provided comments tonight and shared his appreciation of the respectful and positive tone.

Council Member Mello thanked all those who provided comments tonight and the well thought out recommendation from the Planning Commission. He noted that the City Council may make a few amendments to the Ordinance but will still maintain the integrity of the proposal. Council Member Mello requested staff prepare information for next week's study session review of tonight's public hearing to include property tax calculations by Pierce County, incentive opportunities, and floor area ratios.

Council Member Thoms provided information on the balance between providing additional housing across the entire City and the quality of life in the City, and reviewing parking throughout the City.

Council Member Beale provided information on social injustices and the request from residents who provided comments tonight for inclusion of housing development throughout the City. He concluded by stating that he is currently working with staff on potential amendments relating to affordable housing.

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MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to excuse Council Member Ushka from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk