



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

November 05, 2019

5:00 PM

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Deputy Mayor McCarthy.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [19-1189](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, September 26, 2019.
2. [19-1190](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, October 10, 2019.
3. [19-1195](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, September 11, 2019.

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 11, Resolution No. 40465, regarding the City's Compensation Philosophy, at this time.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

- 11.     [RES40465](#)     A resolution approving the City’s Compensation Philosophy, to create and strengthen a culture of transparency and trust through a competitive classification and compensation program.  
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to remove Resolution No. 40465 from the agenda.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 16, Ordinance No. 28626, regarding Tacoma Creates, at this time.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

- 16.     [ORD28626](#)     An ordinance amending Title 1 of the Municipal Code, relating to Administration and Personnel, by adding a new Chapter 1.55, entitled “Tacoma Creates”, for the implementation of a cultural access program, and establishing an advisory board.  
[Amy McBride, Arts Administrator; Kim Bedier, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to continue the final reading of Ordinance No. 28626 to the meeting of December 3, 2019.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

## CONSENT AGENDA

4. [19-1185](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, August 20, 2019.

### APPEALS

5. [19-1225](#) Miles Resources, LLC, appealing the decision of the Contracts and Awards Board regarding Specification No. PW19-0213F, East 64th Street Phase 1 - Pacific Avenue to McKinley Avenue.

Setting the Study Session meeting of Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at approximately 1:30 p.m., as the date for the appeal before the City Council.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

### PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. [19-1226](#) Proclaiming Monday, November 11, 2019 as Veterans Appreciation Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Monday, November 11, 2019 as Veterans Appreciation Day and presented the proclamation to Mr. William Muse, Police Detective, Tacoma Police Department.

7. [19-1222](#) Proclaiming November 2019 as Native American Heritage Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed November 2019 as Native American Heritage Month and presented the proclamation to Puyallup Tribal Council Member Annette Bryan, Puyallup Tribal Veteran Rodney Sisson, and Ms. Charleen Kenyon, Maintenance Worker, Tacoma Venues and Events.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:23 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Mitchell Shook, Advance Stream, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
2. Judy Miller, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
3. Jody Paulsen, 3228 South Union Avenue, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
4. James Amos, 4501 South 9th Street, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
5. Brian Haynes, Rainier Connect, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
6. Zack O'Neill, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
7. Jonathan Staub, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
8. Alan Kellogg, 4825 East "D" Street, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
9. Washington Keenan, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
10. Alan Old Student, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
11. Michael Eidemiller, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
12. Gavin Guss, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
13. Carla Strand, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
14. Kit Burns, 1010 6th Avenue, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
15. Richard Langsford, resident speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.

Public Comment recessed at 5:50 p.m.

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David Bean, Puyallup Tribal Council Chairman, made remarks regarding the Native American Heritage Month Proclamation.

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Public Comment resumed at 5:52 p.m.

16. Steven Storms, Advocates for a Cleaner Tacoma, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
17. José Chavez, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
18. Lynn Di Nino, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
19. Venus Dergan, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.

20. Sherry Bockwinkel, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
21. Nikie Walters, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
22. Martin Savol, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
23. Kathy Lawhon, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
24. Randolph Fritz, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
25. Marilyn Kimmerling, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
26. Steven Bock, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
27. Joseph Corley, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.
28. Robert Garcia, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40467 and 40468.

Public Comment ended at 6:20 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES40462](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Retail Lockbox Inc., in the amount of \$75,000, plus applicable taxes, for a total of \$975,000, budgeted from various departmental funds, for retail lockbox services, for an additional two-year period - Specification No. FI14-0028F.  
[Michael San Soucie, Treasury Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40462.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

9. [RES40463](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Sitts & Hill Engineers Inc, in the amount of \$300,000, plus applicable taxes, for a total of \$495,000, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for professional survey services, through December 31, 2021 - Contract No. C537.  
[Dan Seabrands, Assistant Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 40463.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

**Abstain:** 1 - McCarthy

## RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES40464](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Tacoma Joint Labor Committee, effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.  
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40464.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

11. [RES40465](#) A resolution approving the City's Compensation Philosophy, to create and strengthen a culture of transparency and trust through a competitive classification and compensation program.  
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

Resolution No. 40465 was removed from the agenda earlier in the meeting.

12. [RES40466](#) A resolution authorizing the use of up to \$5,000 of City Council Contingency Funds, for expenses related to traffic control devices for the 2019 6th Avenue Santa Parade; and directing the City Manager to confirm deliverables for the funding commitment.  
[Council Member Hunter]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40466.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

13. [RES40467](#) A resolution declaring surplus, pursuant to RCW 35.94.040, certain utility-owned property, including certain inventory, equipment, and vehicles allocated to the Click! Network together with the excess capacity of the Tacoma Power HFC Network, part of which is the Click! Commercial Network.  
[Chris Bacha, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40467.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

14. [RES40468](#) A resolution authorizing execution of the Click! Business Transaction Agreement by and between Tacoma Power and Mashell, Inc., d.b.a. Rainier Connect and Rainier Connect North LLC.  
[Chris Bacha, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40468.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

## **FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

15. [ORD28625](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.07 of the Municipal Code, entitled “Small Business Enterprise”, by renaming the Chapter to “Equity in Contracting”, and further amending the Chapter to implement contracting equity by creating Minority & Women Business Enterprise requirements on City of Tacoma contracts.  
[Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28625. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

16. [ORD28626](#) An ordinance amending Title 1 of the Municipal Code, relating to Administration and Personnel, by adding a new Chapter 1.55, entitled “Tacoma Creates”, for the implementation of a cultural access program, and establishing an advisory board.  
[Amy McBride, Arts Administrator; Kim Bedier, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

Ordinance No. 28626 was continued to the meeting of December 3, 2019, earlier in the meeting.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.



**COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

There was no report.

Economic Development Committee

There was no report.

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Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that it is Election Day, encouraged all residents to exercise their right to vote, and stated that ballot drop boxes close at 8:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk