



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

July 18, 2017

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee
and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Lonergan

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Ibsen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [17-0677](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, May 24, 2017.
2. [17-0693](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, May 24, 2017.
3. [17-0692](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, May 19, 2017.
4. [17-0694](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, May 24, 2017.
5. [17-0695](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, May 26, 2017.
6. [17-0696](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, June 7, 2017.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. [17-0686](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, May 9, 2017.
8. [17-0697](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, May 23, 2017.
9. [17-0691](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, June 6, 2017.
10. [17-0690](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, June 13, 2017.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms 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: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Lonergan

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:07 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Alton McDonald, New Century Justice Network, speaking on Item 17-0684 and Resolution No. 39766.
2. Jack Zhang, Yareton Investments, LLC, speaking on Resolution No. 39767.
3. Bill Murray, Interstate Hotels and Resorts, speaking on Resolution No. 39767.
4. Doug Orth, Absher Construction Company, speaking on Resolution No. 39767.
5. Bennish Brown, Travel Tacoma + Pierce County, speaking on Resolution No. 39767.

Public Comment ended at 5:24 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

11. [17-0699](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Elizabeth Wendler v. Tacoma Public Utilities, Thurston County Superior Court Cause No. 15-2-01942-0, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$200,000.

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SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Lonergan

12. [17-0684](#) A motion may be considered to confirm the appointment of Gary Buchanan as Human Resources Director, with an annual salary of \$180,752, effective July 19, 2017.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to confirm the appointment of Gary Buchanan as Human Resources Director, with an annual salary of \$180,752, effective July 19, 2017.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Lonergan

APPOINTMENTS

13. [RES39765](#) A resolution appointing individuals to the Board of Building Appeals, Planning Commission, and Sustainable Tacoma Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39765.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee
and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Lonergan

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

14. [RES39766](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Apply-A-Line, Inc., in the amount of \$317,330.06, sales tax not applicable, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a total of \$349,063.07, budgeted from the Street Fund, for re-painting and re-marking of existing roadway striping and bike lane elements - Specification No. PW17-0199F.
[Darius Thompson, Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39766.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee
and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Lonergan

RESOLUTIONS

15. [RES39767](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an Amended and Restated Development Agreement with Yareton Investment & Management (Washington) L.L.C., for the development of a hotel and mixed-use project on an approximately two-acre City-owned site located at South 17th Street and Broadway, adjoining the Greater Tacoma Convention Center.
[Ellen Walkowiak, Business Development Manager; Ricardo Noguera, Director; Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39767.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Lonergan

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

16. [ORD28439](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.29 of the Municipal Code and the Administrative Rules governing the Human Rights Commission, to update and streamline the human rights complaint process, and more closely align the City's practices with state and federal human rights partners.
[Andreta Armstrong, Human Rights Manager; Diane Powers, Director, Equity and Human Rights]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Lonergan

- 17. [ORD28440](#) (First and Final Reading) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.01 of the Municipal Code, entitled “Utility Charges”, by adding a new section, to be known and designated as Section 12.01.050 entitled “Waiver of utility connection and inspection charges during declared emergency” to waive power and water utility connection and inspection fees for cities in Tacoma Power and Tacoma Water service territories during the current declared state of emergency, relating to the conditions of homeless encampments located in the City, and sunsetting on October 9, 2017; and declaring an emergency, making necessary the passage of this ordinance and it becoming effective immediately. [Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Lonergan

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved pursuant to Ordinance No. 28440 to request the Director of Utilities waive power and water connection and inspections fees for low income shelter services provided by the City of Tacoma retroactive to May 9, 2017, the start date of the current declared public health emergency.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Lonergan

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided information on the naming of Reginald Gutierrez Lane at Stewart Heights Park in honor of fallen Officer Reginald “Jake” Gutierrez, on Wednesday, July 19, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., and invited the City Council, staff, and the community to attend. She then introduced Chris Bell, the first Continuous Improvement Management Fellow.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Campbell, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported on June 13, 2017, the Committee heard an annual update on the Economic Development Framework, an informational briefing on the formation of a biotech incubator in Tacoma, and a presentation on a new vision for the Urban Clean Water Innovation Partnership Zone and Tacoma’s first water technology accelerator. He stated on June 27, 2017, staff presented an annual update on the Northwest Seaport Alliance and Port of Tacoma activities, and an update on international development and activities at the World Trade Center. Finally, he reported on July 11, 2017, the Committee was briefed on Neighborhood Business District program activity and industrial activities.

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Deputy Mayor Thoms thanked staff for working with Tacoma Public Utilities to save approximately \$70,000 in hooking up utility services for the homeless. He then highlighted curb cleanups and striping in the North End Historical District and thanked the neighbors for their efforts.

Council Member Campbell announced there will be an open house on July 20, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., at Good Hope Community Church, to talk about the repaving of East 64th Street. He then stated the Council passed the fourth package of street improvements last week, including paving around Boze Elementary, and reminded everyone the street packages are discussed at the Council meetings and information can also be found on the City’s website. Finally, he thanked Metro Parks for working with the City on the dedication of Reginald Gutierrez Lane.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to excuse Council Member Lonergan from the meeting tonight.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Lonergan

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk