



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

July 14, 2015

5:00 PM

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards 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

There were no items filed.

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. [15-0744](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, April 28, 2015.

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

2. [ORD28306](#) An ordinance vacating the north 24 feet of the 19th Street West right-of-way, west of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad right-of-way and the terminus of City of Tacoma right-of-way, to Narrows Marina, LLC, for future improvements to pedestrian access ways and boat launch parking.  
(Narrows Marina, LLC; File No. 124.1351)  
[Phyllis Macleod, Hearing Examiner]

3. [ORD28307](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of South Stevens Street north of South 64th Street, for a private driveway entrance, garden and landscaping. (Brad Currah and Deborah McNamara; File No. 124.1344) [Phyllis Macleod, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including first reading of Ordinance Nos. 28306 and 28307.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance Nos. 28306 and 28307.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including setting Ordinance Nos. 28306 and 28307 over to a date to be determined, was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

## **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

4. [15-0743](#) Presentation of the American Public Works Association accreditation plaque to Environmental Services and Public Works.

Brian Ziegler, American Public Works Association Accreditation Council Chair, presented the accreditation plaque to the City.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 39237 regarding Initiative Measure No. 1B, after item number 9, Ordinance No. 28305 on the Regular Agenda in order to provide ample time for public comment on this Resolution.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

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**MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to suspend the rules to consider an additional Resolution, Resolution No. 39238, regarding a proposed alternate to Citizen Initiative No. 1, before item number 8, at the end of the Regular Agenda.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and failed. The motion failed.**

**Ayes:** 1 - Ibsen

**Nays:** 7 - Boe, Campbell, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

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**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and failed. The motion failed.**

**Ayes:** 2 - Ibsen and Mello

**Nays:** 6 - Boe, Campbell, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:20 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Alton McDonald, citizen, redirected to speak during the minimum wage portion of public comment.
2. Mitchell Shook, P.O. Box 7641, speaking on Ordinance No. 28306.
3. David Schroedel, Chamber of Commerce, speaking on Resolution No. 39236.
4. Alton McDonald, citizen, speaking on Resolution No. 39236.
5. Jennifer Bradley, 1024 South Huson, redirected to speak during Citizens' Forum.

Public Comment was recessed at 5:29 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### APPOINTMENTS

5. [RES39234](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Planning Commission.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39234.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

## PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

6.     [RES39235](#)     A resolution awarding a contract to PPC Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$468,262.50, sales tax not applicable, budgeted from the Municipal Building Operations Fund and Urban Development Action Grant Fund, to provide uniformed security guard services for the Tacoma Municipal Complex, for an initial two-year period, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods, for a projected contract total of \$1,228,361.17 - Specification No. PW15-0260F.  
[Justin E. Davis, Facilities Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39235.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

**RESOLUTIONS**

- 7.     [RES39236](#)     A resolution transmitting a ballot measure to the Pierce County Auditor to be placed on the ballot for the General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, which reads:

CITY OF TACOMA  
 PROPOSITION NO. 3

The Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution No. 39236 concerning levy rate and gross earnings tax increases for street improvements. If passed, Proposition No. 3 would authorize the City to increase the City’s regular property tax levy by \$0.20 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection for ten years beginning in 2016, and levy an additional 1.5% earnings tax on natural gas, electric, and phone companies for ten years, beginning 2016, to fund street repair, maintenance and safety improvements for residential streets, arterials, and freight access, including resurfacing, pothole repair, pedestrian safety improvements, school crossing beacons, and sidewalk improvements.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes..... [ ]  
 No..... [ ]

[Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39236.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**MOTION:** Council Member Mello moved to amend Resolution No. 39236 on page 1, line 6, by adding the words “requiring an annual progress report;” after the words “setting forth the ballot proposition.”

Council Member Mello further moved to amend Resolution No. 39236 on page 2, line 21, by adding an “and” to the end of the paragraph and adding the following language: “Whereas transparency and accountability of how funds are spent, the budgets of the projects, leverage of funds achieved and demonstration of progress made are critical to delivering the improvements promised to voters, and whereas, if the voters approve this proposition, the City Manager is directed to prepare an annual progress report to be made available to the public through the transportation commission to ensure transparency and accountability;”

Council Member Mello further moved to amend Resolution No. 39236 on page 4, line 2, by adding a new section 4 to read as follows: “Section 4. That, should the voters approve this proposition, the City Manager is directed to work with the Public Works Department to deliver an annual progress report to the public through the Transportation Commission so that citizens may easily understand the improvements made and budget and leverage achieved, among other indicators, important for transparency and accountability of these public resources.”

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Ibsen.

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

**MOTION:** Mayor Strickland moved to amend Resolution No. 39236 on page 2, by adding the following language as the final “Whereas” statement:

“Whereas, in furtherance of transparency and accountability of how the newly generated funds will be spent, it is the intent of the City to establish new and separate funds to segregate the revenues collected as a result of this measure, and to restrict the use of these funds for the purposes set forth in this measure.”

Mayor Strickland further moved to amend Resolution No. 39236 on page 4, by adding a new section 5 to read as follows: “Section 5. That the City Manager is directed to bring forward an ordinance establishing dedicated and restricted funds to ensure that any revenue generated as a result of this measure passing is used solely as outlined in the initiative proposal.”

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Mello.

Changes were substantive, therefore the Mayor called for any public comment on the amendments.

**Speaking on the amendment:**

1. Alton McDonald
2. Jennifer Bradley
3. Maureen Howard

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan



- 8.        [RES39237](#)     A resolution transmitting a ballot measure to the Pierce County Auditor to be placed on the ballot for the General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, which reads:

CITY OF TACOMA INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 1B  
 Concerns Establishing a Minimum Wage In The City Of Tacoma  
 As an alternative, the City Council has proposed  
 Initiative Measure No. 1B

The Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution No. 39237 concerning establishing a minimum wage. If passed by the voters, Initiative 1B would require employers to pay a minimum hourly wage to employees aged sixteen (16) and over performing work in Tacoma of not less than \$10.35 per hour beginning February 2016, \$11.15 beginning January 2017, and \$12.00 beginning January 2018, adjusted annually thereafter based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as calculated and used by the State of Washington at that time, and requiring that an impact assessment be conducted in 2018 and every two years thereafter.

Should either of these measures be enacted into law?

Yes.....     [ ]

No.....     [ ]

Regardless of whether you voted yes or no above, if one of these measures is enacted, which one should it be?

Measure No. 1.....     [ ]

Or

Measure No. 1B.....     [ ]

[Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

Resolution No. 39237 was considered later in the meeting.

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to recess the City Council business meeting and convene the Transportation Benefit District Governing Board special meeting at this time.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

The City Council business meeting was recessed at 6:00 p.m.

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Mayor Strickland reconvened the City Council business meeting at 6:24 p.m.

**FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

- 9. [ORD28305](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to Water - Regulations and Rates, to revise rates with RockTenn CP, LLC. [Sean Senescall, Rates and Financial Planning Manager; Linda McCrea, Water Superintendent]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28305. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)**

Public Comment reconvened at 6:25 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

6. Alton McDonald, citizen, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
7. Derick Pettit, low wage worker, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
8. Joshua Norton, worker, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
9. Jesse Gribbs, worker, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
10. Pastor Cathy Law, faith action, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
11. Pastor Christopher, pastor, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
12. Casey Cowles, citizen and business owner, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
13. Don Hansen, Cascade Park Communities, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
14. Charlie Brown, business owner, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
15. Daniel Briggs, business owner and worker, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
16. Marie McFarland, office manager, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
17. Larry Treleven, P.O. Box 2222, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
18. Bruce Beckett, Washington Restaurant Association, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
19. Alan OldStudent, 15 Now Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
20. Whitney Brady, citizen, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
21. Patricia Mannie, business owner, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
22. Celeste Suliin Burris, Local 120 AFSCME, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
23. Monique Trudnowski, 4201 South Steele Street, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
24. Charles Prater, Net-Venture, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
25. Katie Driscoll, Lobster Shop Restaurant, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
26. Max Nelsen, Freedom Foundation, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
27. Jennifer Jensen, Kumon of Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
28. Melissa Martin, Health Care Providers Council, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
29. Gene Ankli, 15 Now Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
30. Mirko Clarke, citizen, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
31. Jamika Scott, citizen, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
32. Jose Manzano, citizen, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
33. Bob Beckham, Health Care Providers Council, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.

34. Philip Pangos, The Social Bar and Grill and Paesan Kitchen and Bar, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
35. Alexa Page, Working Washington, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
36. Eric Knight, Mt. Tahoma High School teacher, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
37. Laila Brinks, citizen, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
38. Jennifer Bradley, 1028 South Huson, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
39. Risa Hennessy, 15 Now Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
40. Vince Kueter, 914 South 5th Street, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
41. Sarah Morken, 809 North Proctor, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
42. Sandra Hayes, 1525 Bittner Court, Dupont, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
43. Felicia Jarvis, Stadium district, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
44. Dawn Orden, 3507 South Alaska, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
45. Josephine Wainaina, citizen, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
46. Sarah Cherin, 3719 North 25th Street, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
47. David Schroedel, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.
48. Phillip Bradford, 755 St. Helens, speaking on Resolution No. 39237.

Public Comment ended at 8:16 p.m.

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Yes..... [ ]  
 No..... [ ]

Regardless of whether you voted yes or no above, if one of these measures is enacted, which one should it be?

Measure No. 1..... [ ]  
 Or  
 Measure No. 1B..... [ ]

[Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**MOTION: Council Member Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 39237.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Campbell, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Nays:** 1 - Boe

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **CITIZENS' FORUM**

Citizens' Forum began at 9:04 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Marion Weed, 4735 42nd Street NE, speaking on neighborhood councils.
2. Alton McDonald, citizen, speaking on the Department of Social and Health Services and police.
3. Mitchell Shook, citizen, speaking on Click! Network.
4. Sammy Sonju, 3405 North 29th Street, speaking on Proctor.
5. Jennifer Bradley, 1024 South Huson, speaking on various jurisdictions.
6. Arnold Hines, citizen, speaking on McKinley Road Construction.
7. Vince Kueter, citizen, speaking on mental health hospitals hearing.

Citizens' Forum ended at 9:27 p.m.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

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

Council Member Campbell reminded everyone to attend the Eastside Farmers Market tomorrow at noon at Family Investment Park.

Council Member Walker stated the Central Neighborhood Group will have a community cleanup this weekend at Franklin Elementary School and the Hilltop Neighborhood will have one the following weekend at the Evergreen College campus, noting these are great events and the City provides dumpsters for neighbors to clean up their property and homes.

Council Member Ibsen stated there has been concern regarding Mason Gulch and stated a community meeting will be scheduled.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe 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 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk