



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma, WA 98402

City Council Chambers

**March 18, 2014**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Deputy Mayor Woodards.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. 14-0174 Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, September 11, 2013.
2. 14-0175 Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, January 8, 2014.
3. 14-0178 Minutes of the Neighborhoods and Housing Committee, February 3, 2014.
4. 14-0183 Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, February 10, 2014.

## CONSENT AGENDA

5. 13-0090 Minutes of the City Council study session of December 3, 2013.
6. 14-0138 Minutes of the City Council study session of December 10, 2013.
7. 14-0142 Minutes of City Council study session of December 17, 2013.

8. 14-0186 Minutes of the City Council meeting of January 14, 2014.
9. 14-0190 Minutes of the City Council meeting of January 21, 2014.
10. 14-0192 Minutes of the City Council meeting of January 28, 2014.
11. 14-0191 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 21, 2014.

## RESOLUTIONS

12. RES38857 A resolution setting Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at approximately 5:30 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council regarding amendments to Chapters 13.05 and 13.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Land Use Permit Procedures and Zoning, to establish a permitting process and development standards for temporary homeless camps within the City of Tacoma that are run by religious organizations.  
[John Harrington, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]
13. RES38858 A resolution setting Thursday, April 24, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of the South Adams Street right-of-way north of South 62nd Street to purchase a section of the parking lot. (HG Holdings, LLC; File No. 124.1340)  
[Troy Stevens, Sr. Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver P.E., Director, Public Works]

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

14. ORD28210 An ordinance vacating a portion of Dock Street air rights north of State Route 509, to allow building modulation and design features for a mixed-use project located at 1933 Dock Street.  
(Henry Foss Group, LLC; File No. 124.1338)  
[Phyllis Macleod, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 38857 and 38858, and First Reading of Ordinance No. 28210.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for**

**Ordinance No. 28210.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including setting Ordinance No. 28210 over for Final Reading to a date to be determined, was declared adopted.**

**Ayes: 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland**

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

15.    **14-0199**       Proclaiming March 18, 2014, as Tacoma Kick Butts Day.  
Mayor Strickland proclaimed March 18, 2014 as Tacoma Kick Butts Day and presented the proclamation to Carmetrus Parker, community organizer, and three students in attendance with her.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment began at 5:14 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

David Schroedel, Business Improvement Area (BIA), speaking on Ordinance No. 28211.

Public comment ended at 5:15 p.m.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**APPOINTMENTS**

16.    **RES38859**       A resolution reappointing John R. (Jack) Connelly to the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees for a five-year term beginning March 18, 2014 through March 18, 2019.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38859.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.**

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

**adopted.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

## **PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS**

- 17. RES38860** A resolution awarding a contract to Rognlin's, Inc., on its bid of \$2,744,610, plus sales tax, plus a 20 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$3,293,532, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for upgrades to the Solids Dewatering Facility Upgrade Project - Specification No. PW13-0074F.  
[Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38860.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried, with Council Member Boe recusing himself. The Resolution was declared adopted.**

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

**Recused:** 1 - Boe

- 18. RES38861** A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with CH2M HILL Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$122,706.31, sales tax not applicable, for a cumulative total of \$649,573.96, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, to increase the contract for consultant engineering services associated with the design of the Central Treatment Plant Flood Protection project through December 31, 2017 - Specification No. CT12-0001F.  
[Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38861.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried, with Council Member Boe recusing himself. The Resolution was declared adopted.**

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

**Recused:** 1 - Boe

## RESOLUTIONS

19.     **RES38862**     A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the execution of a Quit Claim Deed to convey approximately .71 acres of property located southeast of East Q Street, to Central Puget Sound Transit Authority (Sound Transit), for its Sounder Commuter Rail service and infrastructure improvements to reduce major congestion and increase safety.  
[Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38862.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

20.     **RES38863**     A resolution approving the 2014 City of Tacoma Strategic Direction.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38863.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland



- 21.     **RES38864**     A resolution expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 1 submitted by the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma at the April 22, 2014 Special Election, which reads as follows:

METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT OF TACOMA  
 SPECIAL ELECTION - PROPOSITION NO. 1  
 NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS & ZOO  
 IMPROVEMENTS AND SAFETY UPGRADES  
 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS -  
 \$198,000,000

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma adopted Resolution No. RR15-14 concerning bonds for neighborhood parks and recreation facilities and safety improvements. If approved, this proposition will authorize the District to upgrade Point Defiance Park, Zoo & Aquarium, exhibits and critical animal-support systems; improve parks, security, deteriorating playgrounds, pools, sports playfields, family community centers; expand waterfront access; preserve cultural and historical landmarks; protect natural areas, lakes, creeks, trails; clean up arsenic-contaminated parks; issue \$198,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 20 years and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution RR15-14.

Should Proposition No. 1 be:

APPROVED?    [ ]

REJECTED?    [ ]

[Council Member Campbell]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38864.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

22.     **ORD28207**     An ordinance amending Chapters 6B.10 and 6B.20 of the Municipal Code, relating to General License Provisions and Annual Business Licenses, to clarify rental property owner and business license requirements and align administrative provisions with tax administrative provisions.  
[Danielle Larson, Division Manager, Tax & License; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28207.**

**The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

23.     **ORD28208**     An ordinance amending Title 6 of the Municipal Code, entitled "Tax and License Code", by amending various sections to correct language and citations that are not consistent with other sections in the Municipal Code and the Revised Code of Washington.  
[Danielle Larson, Division Manager, Tax & License; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28208.**

**The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

24.     **ORD28209**     An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for employees represented by the Teamsters Local Union No 117, General Unit.  
[David Topaz, Labor Negotiator; Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28209.**

**The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

25.     **ORD28211**     An ordinance continuing the downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA) for the twenty seventh year, providing for the levy of assessments and other income in the amount of \$826,364; and approving the renewed BIA work plan, budget, and assessment rates from May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015.  
[Debbie Bingham, Program Development Specialist; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28211 was set over for final reading on April 1, 2014.**

26.     **ORD28212**     An ordinance modifying the existing boundaries of the Business Improvement Area to include the abutting northern properties on Stadium Way.  
[Debbie Bingham, Program Development Specialist; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28212 was set over for final reading on April 1, 2014.**

## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

27.     **14-0165**     This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council to consider modifying the existing boundaries of the Business Improvement Area to include the abutting northern properties on Stadium Way.  
[Debbie Bingham, Program Development Specialist; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

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

No one came forward to address the Council.

The public hearing ended at 5:34 p.m.



## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **CITIZENS' FORUM**

Citizens' Forum began at 5:58 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

1. Joey Marzano, citizen, speaking on public disclosure
2. Alton McDonald, citizen, speaking on Tacoma Police Department/Hilltop Plan.
3. Bruce Stirling, Downtown on the Go, speaking on biking awareness.
4. Jordan Willcox, citizen, speaking on biking awareness.
5. Cheryl Kopec, citizen, speaking on Tacoma News Tribune advertising circulars and bags.
6. John Carlton, citizen, speaking on Tacoma News Tribune advertising circulars and bags.
7. Christy Shunpert, citizen, speaking on paid sick leave.
8. Amanda DeShazo, citizen, speaking on paid sick leave.
9. Alfredo Espino, 1225 E. 41st St, speaking on paid sick leave.
10. Josh Putnam, citizen, speaking on paid sick days.
11. Bill Clark, Teamsters Union 117, speaking on paid sick days.

Citizens' Forum ended at 6:05 p.m.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

No report.

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

Council Member Walker announced a series of upcoming meetings on the City's Pedestrian Crossings Improvement Project, beginning March 24, 2014 through April 10, 2014.

Council Member Lonergan announced the City-sponsored Murals Program is seeking applications from artists. He noted the deadline for the applications is March 28, 2014 and more information can be found at:  
[www.cityoftacoma.org/murals](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/murals).

Council Member Campbell shared upcoming events; a bike rodeo at Sherman Elementary school on April 26, 2014, and the grand opening of the new Swan Creek mountain bike trails on March 29, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Woodards announced a series of films in honor of Women's History Month being shown at the University of Washington-Tacoma campus on Friday evenings followed by a discussion. She stated this Friday's film, Miss Representation, looks at how women are represented in the media. She noted the series is free and open to the public.

Council Member Mello stated he and Council Member Thoms volunteered with other community members to depave a corner of the intersection at Sprague and Division. He stated the project will replace paved surfaces with large rain gardens.

Council Member Ibsen shared upcoming events: a Mud Run at Titlow Park hosted by Metro Parks, and a seed exchange and community potluck hosted by the Orchard and Vine Community Garden.

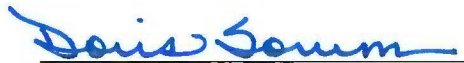
Council Member Boe shared the opt-out options for the Tacoma News Tribune advertising circulars.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Marilyn Strickland, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk