



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

November 17, 2015

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Walker and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Thoms and Woodards

Council Member Woodards arrived at 5:05 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Ibsen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [15-1112](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, September 22, 2015.
2. [15-1173](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, September 29, 2015.
3. [15-1223](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee special meeting, July 23, 2015.
4. [15-1259](#) Minutes of the Neighborhoods and Housing Committee, September 21, 2015.
5. [15-1224](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, October 21, 2015.
6. [15-1217](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, October 12, 2015.
7. [15-1225](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, October 22, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. [15-1229](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, September 1, 2015.
9. [15-1230](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, September 15, 2015.
10. [15-1231](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, September 22, 2015.
11. [15-1254](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 6, 2015.
12. [15-1255](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 13, 2015.
13. [15-1256](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 20, 2015.
14. [15-1257](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 27, 2015.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

Council Member Woodards arrived here, at 5:05 p.m.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:06 p.m.

No one came forward to address the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:07 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

15. [RES39312](#) A resolution authorizing the extension of agreements with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, in the amount of \$250,000, budgeted from the Rail Fund, to satisfy closeout provisions, and for freight rail service through March 16, 2016.

[Alan Matheson, Chief Mechanical Officer; Dale King, Rail Superintendent]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39312.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

16. [RES39313](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a 20-year commercial lease agreement with Metro Parks Tacoma, with the option to renew for three additional 10-year terms, for construction, maintenance, and operation of greenhouses and related facilities on approximately 130,000 square feet of property located at the Tacoma Landfill, beginning January 15, 2016.

[Gary Kato, Solid Waste Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Council Member Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 39313.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Recused: 1 - Boe

17. [RES39314](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Horatio H. Law, in the amount of \$210,000, budgeted from the REET Capital Projects Fund, for the Lincoln Revitalization Public Art Project, effective November 17, 2015 through December 31, 2016.
[Amy McBride, Tacoma Arts Administrator; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39314.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

18. [RES39315](#) A resolution stating a finding of substantial need, and approving an increase to the 2016 Ad Valorem property tax revenue collection for the General Fund property tax levy to 1 percent, as the implicit price deflator is less than 1 percent.
[Tadd Wille, Director, Office of Management and Budget]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39315.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

19. [ORD28328](#) 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 Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17.
[Jude Kelley, Labor Negotiator; Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28328. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

20. [ORD28329](#) An ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of two series of Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$36,000,000, to refund outstanding bonds, pay the costs of issuing the bonds, and delegating the authority to approve the final terms of the bonds.
[Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28329. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

21. [ORD28330](#) An ordinance amending Sections 10.14.060 and 10.18.010, and Chapters 10.22 and 12.08, of the Municipal Code, relating to stormwater management, to implement and provide for compliance with low impact development and related requirements as mandated in the August 2013 Phase 1 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.
[James G. Parvey, Assistant Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28330 was set over for final reading next week.

22. [ORD28331](#) An ordinance approving an increase in terms of both dollars and percentage for the 2016 Emergency Medical Services property tax levy.
[Tadd Wille, Director, Office of Management and Budget]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28331 was set over for final reading next week.

23. [ORD28332](#) An ordinance fixing the amount of the Emergency Medical Services levy necessary to identify the amount of the estimated revenues from the property tax levy to match estimated expenditures for debt service and other funding requirements.
[Tadd Wille, Director, Office of Management and Budget]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28332 was set over for final reading next week.

24. [ORD28333](#) An ordinance approving an increase in terms of both dollars and percentage for the 2016 general property tax levy.
[Tadd Wille, Director, Office of Management and Budget]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28333 was set over for final reading next week.

25. [ORD28334](#) An ordinance fixing the amount of the Ad Valorem tax levies necessary to identify the amount of the estimated revenues from property tax levies to match estimated expenditures for debt service and other funding requirements.
[Tadd Wille, Director, Office of Management and Budget]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28334 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager T.C. Broadnax provided information on upcoming public meetings regarding minimum wage rules and stated additional information can be found at www.cityoftacoma.org/minimumwage.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Mello, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, stated at the October 14, 2015 meeting the Committee heard presentations regarding Work/Live and Live/Work building use code amendments, and the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code. He stated at the October 28, 2015 meeting the Committee heard presentations on proposed billboard regulations, and the Environmental Action Plan. He concluded by providing information on the Committee's special meeting on November 18, 2015 to discuss the Sustainable Materials Management Plan, and 2015 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

- 26. [15-1252](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed billboard regulations, as recommended by the Planning Commission, and supplemented by a staff alternative for consideration.
[John Harrington, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

The public hearing began at 5:31 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Pam Guinn, Clear Channel Outdoor.
2. Mike Luinstra, Clear Channel Outdoor.
3. Peter Wangoe, Clear Channel Outdoor.
4. Douglas Schafer, 1202 South Tyler Street.
5. Chris Beale, 7031 South Trafton Street.
6. Kurt Jacobson, 4553 Kennedy Road Northeast.
7. Tricia DeOme, 802 North L Street.
8. John Thurlow, 5559 Beverly Avenue Northeast.
9. Jodi Cook, 3608 N 25th Street.
10. Jon Ketler, 3416 North 21st Street.
11. Ed Tuck, 3711 South Tacoma Way.
12. Cynthia Mackin, small business owner.
13. Zachery Kennaman, 1201 Puyallup Avenue.
14. Jill Jenson, 3002 North 13th Street.
15. Jori Adkins, resident.

The public hearing ended at 6:30 p.m.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to excuse Council Member Thoms 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, Lonergan, Mello, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Thoms

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Council Member Campbell provided information on a public meeting regarding a new community center on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at the Family Investment Center, located at 1724 East 44th Street, at 6:00 p.m. He also recognized the Top of Tacoma Bar and Café, located at 3529 McKinley Avenue, for winning the Best of Western Washington Neighborhood Bar Award.

Deputy Mayor Boe provided information on the Tacoma Young Artists Orchestra's "Russian Fairytales" production at the Urban Grace on Saturday, November 21, 2015; and the Tacoma Symphony Orchestra's "Sibelius and Mendelssohn" production at the Pantages Theater on Sunday, November 22, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk