



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

**April 14, 2015**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

Council Member Walker participated telephonically.

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Woodards.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [15-0319](#) Minutes of the City Events and Recognitions Committee special meeting, February 9, 2015.
2. [15-0318](#) Minutes of the City Events and Recognitions Committee, February 23, 2015.
3. [15-0376](#) Minutes of the Neighborhoods and Housing Committee, March 16, 2015.
4. [15-0377](#) Minutes of the Neighborhoods and Housing Committee special meeting, March 23, 2015.
5. [15-0369](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, March 4, 2015.
6. [15-0335](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, March 12, 2015.

## CONSENT AGENDA

7. [15-0394](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting of February 3, 2015.
8. [15-0395](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting of February 10, 2015.
9. [15-0396](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting of February 17, 2015.
10. [15-0397](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting of February 24, 2015.

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

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. 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

11. [15-0379](#) Proclaiming Tuesday, April 14, 2015, as Rock Paper Scissors Foundation Day in the City of Tacoma.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed Tuesday, April 14, 2015 as Rock Paper Scissors Foundation Day in the City of Tacoma and presented the proclamation to Yolanda Perry-Allen, Rock Paper Scissors Foundation.

12. [15-0378](#) Recognition of the Stadium High School ProStart Program.

Mayor Strickland recognized the Stadium High School ProStart Program and presented the recognition to Jacque Farrell, Chair of the Washington Restaurant Association Education Foundation.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:18 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

1. Monique Trudnowski, Adriatic Grill, speaking on the recognition of the Stadium High School ProStart Program.

Public Comment ended at 5:20 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### APPOINTMENTS

13. [RES39167](#) A resolution appointing Sheryl Ellis to the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39167.**

**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

14. [RES39168](#) A resolution appointing Halley Knigge to the Tacoma Arts Commission.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39168.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Thoms and Woodards

## PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

15.     [RES39169](#)     A resolution awarding a contract to 3MW Studio LLP, dba 3Square Blocks, LLP, in the amount of \$225,000, sales tax not applicable, budgeted from the NEP Watershed Grant, 1195-BUILD Fund, to provide assistance in the development of the Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, for an initial contract term of approximately 21 months - Specification No. PL14-0428F.  
[Elliott Barnett, Associate Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39169.**

**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

## RESOLUTIONS

16.     [RES39170](#)     A resolution approving the call of \$122,135,000 in outstanding Tacoma Power 2005 Series B Bonds; and authorizing their redemption using a combination of cash and a reduction of the bond reserve account.  
[Bill Berry, Rates, Power, and Analysis Manager; Ted Coates, Superintendent, Tacoma Power]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39170.**

**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

17. [RES39171](#) A resolution amending the Electric Rate and Financial Policy to address the use of long- and short-term debt to finance capital projects; provide clarification pertaining to use of financial metrics; and provide additional requirements pertaining to the funding of the Rate Stabilization Fund.  
[Bill Berry, Rates, Power, and Analysis Manager; Ted Coates, Superintendent, Tacoma Power]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39171.**

**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

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

23. [15-0392](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and the 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan for housing and community development.  
[Carey Jenkins, Housing Programs Manager; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

The public hearing began at 5:45 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

1. Tim Strege, 1423 East 29th Street.
2. Alton McDonald, Tacoma.

The public hearing ended at 6:01 p.m.

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

18. [ORD28293](#) An ordinance repealing and reenacting Chapter 8.122 of the Municipal Code, relating to Noise Enforcement, to update the purpose and add a definition for continuous sound; provide clarification regarding variances and appeals; and revise the penalty section to allow for escalation of penalties for repeat offenses within a 12-month period.  
[Lisa Wojtanowicz, Community Services Division Manager;  
Nadia Chandler Hardy, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28293. 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

19. [ORD28294](#) An ordinance amending Title 6 of the Municipal Code, entitled “Tax and License Code,” establishing an amnesty program for taxes imposed under various chapters, and offering a specific time period for application and payment to benefit unlicensed businesses and businesses with delinquent accounts in Tacoma.  
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28294 was set over for final reading next week.**

20. [ORD28295](#) An ordinance authorizing a new issue of bonds to be known as the City of Tacoma Electric System Subordinate Revenue Bonds, and fixing the terms, provisions, and covenants of the City.  
[Bill Berry, Rates, Power, and Analysis Manager; Ted Coates, Superintendent, Tacoma Power]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28295 was set over for final reading next week.**

21. [ORD28296](#) An ordinance approving a Supplemental Bond Ordinance; and authorizing Tacoma Power to execute a short-term drawdown direct note purchase agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, in the amount of \$100,000,000, to provide funds to finance or refinance costs of capital improvements to the Electrical System.  
[Bill Berry, Rates, Power, and Analysis Manager; Ted Coates, Superintendent, Tacoma Power]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28296 was set over for final reading next week.**

22. [ORD28297](#) An ordinance approving a Supplemental Bond Ordinance; and authorizing Tacoma Power to execute a short-term liquidity note purchase agreement with KeyBank, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000,000, to provide general credit, including liquidity, for the Electric System.  
[Bill Berry, Rates, Power, and Analysis Manager; Ted Coates, Superintendent, Tacoma Power]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28297 was set over for final reading next week.**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

- [15-0392](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and the 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan for housing and community development.  
[Carey Jenkins, Housing Programs Manager; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

The public hearing was held earlier in the meeting.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **CITIZENS' FORUM**

Citizens' Forum began at 6:09 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

1. Joe Cote, North Tacoma, speaking on Click!
2. Abby Lawlor, Unite Here, speaking on the convention center hotel.
3. Alton McDonald, Tacoma, speaking on police discrimination.
4. Kit Burns, 1010 6th Avenue, speaking on Click!
5. Doug Miller, former Council Member, speaking on Click!
6. Michael Lafreniere, 815 North Proctor Street, speaking on Click!

Citizens' Forum ended at 6:34 p.m.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated this Saturday, April 18, 2015, the City is partnering with the Edison Neighborhood for a community cleanup at Edison Elementary School.

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

Council Member Ibsen provided information regarding upcoming public meetings related to paid sick leave.

Deputy Mayor Boe provided information on a community workshop for the Comprehensive Plan at Stadium High School, an informational meeting for the Transportation Master Plan at Jason Lee Middle School, Evita by the Tacoma Musical Playhouse, and the Mini Maestros Percussion on Parade at the University of Puget Sound.

Council Member Campbell provided information on a Parks Appreciation Day clean-up in the Dome Top neighborhood.

Council Member Lonergan provided information on the Junior Daffodil Parade in the Proctor District.

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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

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk