



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma, WA 98402

City Council Chambers

November 26, 2013

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

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Lonergan.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. 13-0301 Minutes of the Human Rights Commission business meeting, October 17, 2013.
2. 13-0289 Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, October 23, 2013.
3. 13-0312 Minutes of the Neighborhoods and Housing Committee, November 4, 2013.
4. 13-0295 Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, October 9, 2013.
5. 13-0296 Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, October 9, 2013.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- 6. 13-0293 Minutes of the City Council business meeting of October 1, 2013.
- 7. 13-0292 Minutes of the City Council business meeting of October 8, 2013.

## RESOLUTIONS

- 8. RES38779 A resolution setting Tuesday, December 10, 2013, at approximately 5:30 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed sale of approximately 10.82 acres (1.21 miles) of real property within Tacoma Rail Mountain Division property, located in the vicinity of East D Street to Puyallup Avenue, to Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit), for its Sounder Commuter Rail Service.  
[Gloria Fletcher, Senior Real Estate Officer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Interim Director, Public Works]
- 9. RES38780 A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Lewis County and the City of Chehalis, to outline the terms and conditions of a potential sale of the southernmost 20 miles of railroad right-of-way with runs from Maytown, in Thurston County, to slightly south of Chehalis in Lewis County, in the amount of \$3,000,000.  
[Gloria Fletcher, Senior Real Estate Officer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Interim Director, Public Works]
- 10. RES38781 A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the cities of Bellevue, Everett, and Seattle to establish the Washington Multi-City Business License and Tax Portal Agency to streamline Business and Occupation Tax collection and licensing activities.  
[Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 38779 through 38781.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

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

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to suspend the rules to consider Item No. 22 relating to public hearing on the surplus and proposed sale of 27,499 square feet of Tacoma Water property located at 7704 6th Avenue, to David A. Sizemore, in the amount of \$22,500, at this time.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

**Item No. 22 was considered here:**

**This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council regarding the surplus and proposed sale of 27,499 square feet of Tacoma Water property located at 7704 6th Avenue, to David A. Sizemore, in the amount of \$22,500.**

**[Maureen Barnes, Real Estate Officer; Linda McCrea, Superintendent, Tacoma Water]**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to remove Item No. 22 from tonight's meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

**Mayor Strickland stated public testimony would not be taken on this item.**

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

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

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 11. 13-0309** Recognizing the City's certification as a STAR (Sustainability Tools for Assessing and Rating) community.

Kristi Lynett, Office of Sustainability Manager, stated the City of Tacoma has received a 4-star rating and the distinct honor of becoming the first U.S. community to become certified as a STAR community. She stated STAR stands for Sustainability Tools for Assessing and Rating community.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment began at 5:11 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

Jeremiah LaFranca, Master Builder's Association of Pierce County, speaking on Resolution No. 38782.

David Schroedel, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber, speaking on Resolution No. 38781.

Public comment ended at 5:13 p.m.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS**

12. **RES38782** A resolution awarding a contract to Accela, Inc., in the amount of \$1,475,222, sales tax not applicable, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$1,622,744, budgeted from the Surface Water, Wastewater, and Permit Services Funds, for a web-based software used to process Building, Land Use and Site Development permits - Direct Negotiation.  
[David Johnson, Division Manager; Peter Huffman, Interim Director, Planning and Development Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to adopt Resolution No. 38782.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

**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**

- 13. RES38783** A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Tri-State Construction, Inc., to increase the contract by \$95,000, plus sales tax, for a cumulative total of \$2,022,511.50, budgeted from the Tacoma Rail Mountain Division Fund, for railroad track reconfiguration at the Blakeslee Junction Track Realignment Project - Specification No. PW11-0038F. [Chris Larson, P.E., Engineering Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Interim Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to adopt Resolution No. 38783.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

**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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- 14. RES38784** A resolution authorizing the sale of four former substation sites, previously declared surplus, located at 5001 North Visscher Street, 1801 North Orchard Street, 4924 North 31st Street, and 1009 South 35th Street, owned by Tacoma Power, to Reggie Brown for the cumulative total of \$317,000. [Maureen Barnes, Real Estate Officer; Ted Coates, Superintendent, Tacoma Power]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to adopt Resolution No. 38784.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

**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**

15.     **ORD28185**     An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation, and changes in classifications for the following bargaining units: the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District Lodge No. 160, on behalf of Local Lodge 297, Rail Mechanics, Track Workers, and Yard Clerk Units; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Court Clerk, Customer and Field Services, Supervisors', Water Division, and Water Pollution Control Units; Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; and Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17.  
[Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28185.**

**ACTION: The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**  
Ayes: 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

16.     **ORD28186**     An ordinance relating to property tax levies, authorizing an increase in terms of both dollars and percentages for the 2014 Emergency Medical Services property tax levy.  
[Tadd Wille, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28186**

**ACTION: The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**  
Ayes: 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

17.     **ORD28187**     An ordinance setting the 2014 property tax levy for Emergency Medical Services.  
[Tadd Wille, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28187**

**ACTION: The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**  
Ayes: 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

18.     **ORD28188**     An ordinance authorizing a zero percent and zero dollar increase in the 2014 general property tax revenue collection.  
                          [Tadd Wille, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28188**

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

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

19.     **ORD28189**     An ordinance setting the 2014 Ad Valorem property tax levy.  
                          [Tadd Wille, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28189**

**ACTION: 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**

20.     **ORD28190**     An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.30 of the Municipal Code, relating to Business and Occupation Tax, to ensure that sales of recreational cannabis by producers are taxable under the City's Business and Occupation Tax.  
                          [Danielle Larson, Tax and License Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28190 was set over for final reading next week.**

21.     **ORD28191**     An ordinance authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Limited Tax General Obligation Line of Credit Note, 2005, relating to the financing of the construction of police facilities, by extending the final due date to November 28, 2018.  
                          [Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28191 was set over for final reading next week.**

## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

22. 13-0265 This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council regarding the surplus and proposed sale of 27,499 square feet of Tacoma Water property located at 7704 6th Avenue, to David A. Sizemore, in the amount of \$22,500.  
(Continued from the meeting of November 19, 2013)  
[Maureen Barnes, Real Estate Officer; Linda McCrea, Superintendent, Tacoma Water]

Item No. 22 was considered earlier in the meeting and removed from the agenda.

23. 13-0280 This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed 2015-2020 Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program and proposed amendments to the 2013-2014 program.  
[Jennifer Kammerzell, Engineer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Interim Director, Public Works]

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

Speaking before Council:

John Miles, citizen.

The public hearing ended at 5:36 p.m.

24. 13-0281 This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed modifications to the 2013-2014 Biennial Budget.  
[Tadd Wille, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

The public hearing began at 5:36 p.m.

There were no speakers.

The public hearing ended at 5:48 p.m.



## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

25. 13-0307 Weekly Report to the City Council, November 21, 2013

City Manager T.C. Broadnax invited the community to view the Pacific Avenue Streetscape improvements at the "Pac the Ave" special event occurring on Saturday, December 7, 2013, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

### **Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee**

Council Member Mello stated the Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee has met twice since the last report, and during those meetings, the Committee received briefings on the Schuster Parkway promenade and conceptual design study, the 2015 Comprehensive Plan, and traffic light synchronization, Tacoma Link Light Rail expansion. He stated the Committee also interviewed applicants for the Planning Commission, resulting in the appointment of Chris Beale. He stated the Committee's next meeting will be held Wednesday, December 11, 2013.

Council Member Ibsen stated Zoolights at Point Defiance Park begins on November 29, 2013.

Council Member Boe stated the annual tree lighting ceremony will occur on Saturday, November 30, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at Pantages Theater. He noted there are many upcoming events occurring downtown, including a "Grease" sing-a-long. He then noted he is trying to organize a broomball tournament at Polar Plaza.

Deputy Mayor Campbell announced the passing of his friend and eastside community volunteer, Daryl Leonard.

Mayor Strickland wished everyone a safe and joyous holiday and reminded everyone that City offices are closed on November 28 and 29, 2013.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

  
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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

  
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Doris Sorum, City Clerk