



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

October 08, 2019

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Council Member Thoms participated telephonically.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Beale.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [19-1070](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, September 12, 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. [19-1083](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, July 30, 2019.
3. [19-1084](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, August 6, 2019.
4. [19-1071](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, September 24, 2019.

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. [19-1092](#) Proclaiming Saturday, October 12, 2019 as Arbor Day and Green Tacoma Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Saturday, October 12, 2019 as Arbor Day and Green Tacoma Day and presented the proclamation to Mr. Mike Carey, Urban Forester, City of Tacoma; Mary Anderson, Natural Resources Manager, Metro Parks Tacoma; and Charlie Vogelheim, Green Cities Project Manager, Forterra.

6. [19-1089](#) Proclaiming Monday, October 14, 2019 as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Monday, October 14, 2019 as Indigenous Peoples' Day and presented the proclamation to Puyallup Tribal Council Members Tim Reynon and James Rideout.

7. [19-1096](#) Recognizing the Drums Not Guns Eastside Community Peace Walk.

Mayor Woodards recognized the Drums Not Guns Eastside Community Peace Walk and presented the recognition to Puyallup Tribal Council Member Tim Reynon and Stephanie Smith, Peace Walk Organizer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:33 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Hally Bert, Downtown On the Go, speaking on Resolution No. 40442.
2. Mitchell Shook, Advanced Stream, speaking on Resolution No. 40441.
3. Paul Chromey, 6826 South "D" Street, speaking on Resolution No. 40443.

- 4. Connar Mon, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40442.
- 5. Kathy Lawhon, 1114 South 11th Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28619.
- 6. Cathy Carruthers, 5914 South Park Avenue, speaking on Ordinance No. 28619.
- 7. Tim Reynon, Puyallup Tribal Council, speaking on Resolution No. 40442.
- 8. Maru Mora, La Resistencia, speaking on Resolution No. 40441.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 5:51 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 5:58 p.m.

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- 9. Marilyn Kimmerling, 4414 North 34th Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28619 and Resolution No. 40441.
- 10. Wendy Pantoja, La Resistencia, speaking on Resolution No. 40441.
- 11. Tracy Wiegman, 6513 East “B” Street, speaking on Resolution No. 40441 and Ordinance No. 28619.
- 12. Monserrat Padilla, Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network, speaking on Resolution No. 40441.
- 13. Malou Chávez, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, speaking on Resolution No. 40441.
- 14. Saiyare Refaei, Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, speaking on Resolution No. 40441.
- 15. Amanda Diaz, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40441.
- 16. Mushawn Knowles, Associate Students of the University of Puget Sound, speaking on Resolution No. 40441.
- 17. Kyle Jolibois, 431 Broadway, speaking on Ordinance No. 28619.
- 18. Andrea Haug, 237 South 70th Street, speaking on Resolution No. 40443.
- 19. Carl Anderson, Tacoma Tenants Organizing Committee (TTOC), speaking on Resolution No. 40442.
- 20. Sean Arent, Associated Students of University of Washington Tacoma (ASUWT), speaking on Ordinance No. 28619.
- 21. Tim Eyman, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40442.
- 22. Sherry Bockwinkel, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40442.
- 23. Erin Lungwitz, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28619.
- 24. Nola Thury, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28619.
- 25. Justin Leighton, 1212 North 4th Street, speaking on Resolution No. 40442.
- 26. Carole Sue Braaten, 2410 Berry Lane East, speaking on Ordinance No. 28619 and Resolution No. 40441.
- 27. Meredith Neal, Manufacturing Industrial Council for the South Sound, speaking on Ordinance No. 28619 and Resolution No. 40442.
- 28. Robb Krehbiel, 7521 East “E” Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28619.

29. David Bluhm, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28619 and Resolution No. 40441.
30. José Chavez, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40441 and 40444.
31. Michael Ramos, The Church Council of Greater Seattle, speaking on Resolution No. 40441.

Public Comment ended at 6:47 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES40440](#) A resolution authorizing an increase and extending the contract with Optic Fusion, Inc., in the amount of \$714,000, plus applicable taxes, for a total of \$1,409,800, budgeted from the Information Systems Fund, for the lease of space in a secure cage for datacenter equipment - Direct Negotiation.
[Kipling Morris, Manager; Daniel Key, Director, Information Technology]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40440.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

RESOLUTIONS

- 9. [RES40441](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with the law firm of Keating, Bucklin and McCormack, Inc., P.S., in the amount of \$50,000, budgeted from the Internal Services Fund, for a total of \$250,000, for continued legal services in the matter of The Geo Group, Inc., v. City of Tacoma.
[Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40441.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

- 10. [RES40442](#) A resolution expressing opposition for the passage of Initiative 976 on the November 5, 2019 General Election Ballot, which reads as follows:

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 976**

Initiative Measure No. 976 concerns motor vehicle taxes and fees. This measure would repeal, reduce, or remove authority to impose certain vehicle taxes and fees; limit annual motor-vehicle-license fees to \$30, except voter-approved charges; and base vehicle taxes on Kelley Blue Book value.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes

No

[Mayor Woodards and Council Members Ibsen and Mello]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40442.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

11. [RES40443](#) A resolution directing the City Manager to review how the City engages the public during construction projects and bring results and recommendations on how to improve neighborhood engagement and protection standards to the City Council Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee.
[Mayor Woodards and Council Members Beale, Hunter, and Ushka]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40443.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

12. [RES40444](#) A resolution authorizing the use of \$5,000 of City Council Contingency Funds to support the Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration organized by Calavera Collective, contingent on the completion of the event; and directing the City Manager to confirm deliverables for the City's contribution.
[Council Member Ushka]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40444.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

13. [ORD28617](#) 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 International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Local 160, General Unit, and changes in classification to create the classified title of Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance Technician.
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28617. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

14. [ORD28618](#) An ordinance amending Title 9 of the Municipal Code, relating to Public Ways, to repeal Chapter 9.30 in its entirety, relating to Fourth of July Concessions, to allow flexibility in the siting of a Fourth of July celebration.
[Kim Bedier, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28618. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

15. [ORD28619](#) An ordinance approving a six-month extension of the Tideflats Interim Regulations, as originally approved by Amended Ordinance No. 28470 and extended by Ordinance Nos. 28542 and 28583.
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Mayor Woodards moved to set Ordinance No. 28619 over for final reading on November 12, 2019.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted. Ordinance No. 28619 was set over for final reading on November 12, 2019.

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Citizens' Forum began at 7:41 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Mitchell Shook, Advanced Stream, speaking on Click! Network.
2. Paul Chromey, 6826 South "D" Street, speaking on construction development.
3. Kathy Lawhon, 1114 South 11th Street, speaking on the Northwest Detention Center (NWDC).
4. Illyana Zeski, resident, speaking on the NWDC and Park Code amendments.
5. Zachary O'Neill, resident, speaking on Click! Network.
6. Marilyn Kimmerling, 4414 North 34th Street, speaking on Click! Network and homelessness.
7. Tracy Wiegman, 6513 East "B" Street, speaking on liquefied natural gas (LNG) and Park Code amendments.
8. Wendy Pantoja, La Resistencia, speaking on the NWDC.
9. Sean Arent, ASUWT, speaking on Click! Network.
10. Moru Mora, La Resistencia, speaking on the NWDC.

11. Kyle Jolibois, 431 Broadway, speaking on LNG, Tideflats, and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).
12. Andrea Haug, 237 South 70th Street, speaking on small cell installation of 5G and Click! Network.
13. Courtney Love, resident, speaking on Click! Network, LNG, and the NWDC.
14. Bianca Luthi, resident, speaking on the NWDC.
15. Carole Sue Braaten, 2410 Berry Lane East, speaking on LNG.
16. Kit Burns, 1010 6th Avenue, speaking on Click! Network.
17. Carl Anderson, TTOC, speaking on camping in parks.
18. N.C.K.F., resident, speaking on the NWDC.
19. Meg Herring, 7016 South "D" Street, speaking on sewer and contractors.
20. José Chavez, resident, speaking on Click! Network.
21. Cody Bakken, resident, speaking on libraries and BRT.
22. Nikkie Walters, resident, speaking on Tideflats.

Citizens' Forum ended at 8:33 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee (Continued from the October 1, 2019 meeting)

There was no report.

Economic Development Committee

There was no report.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk