



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

November 28, 2017

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Thoms called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 2 - Mello and Mayor Strickland

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member McCarthy.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [17-1213](#) Monthly Financial Reports for the Fleet Services Fund, Self-Insurance Claim Fund, Tacoma Power, Tacoma Rail, Tacoma Rail Mountain Division, and Tacoma Water, September 2017.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. [17-1219](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 17, 2017.
3. [17-1220](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 24, 2017.

RESOLUTIONS

4. [RES39871](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$2,500,000, for safety improvements at two railroad grade crossings on the Marine View Drive segment of State Route 509.
[Alan Matheson, Assistant Rail Superintendent; Dale King, Rail Superintendent]

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

5. [ORD28472](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of Broadway Avenue, lying between South 9th Street and South 11th Street, for ramped access to the back storage area and freight elevator vestibule of the Pantages Theater, and space for two offices. (City of Tacoma; File No. 124.1380)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39871, and first reading of Ordinance No. 28472.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28472.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 2 - Mello and Mayor Strickland

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39871, and setting Ordinance No. 28472 over to a date to be determined.

The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 2 - Mello and Mayor Strickland

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:07 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Rebecca Stith, Human Rights Commission Chair, speaking on Resolution No. 39872.
2. Monique Trudnowski, Public Utility Board Chair, speaking on Item 17-1225.

Public Comment ended at 5:11 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. [17-1225](#) A motion may be considered in accordance with Tacoma City Charter Article IV Section 4.18 to confirm the appointment of Linda McCrea as Interim Director of Utilities effective December 1, 2017. The term of the confirmation shall be until April 30, 2018 or until a permanent Director is appointed by the Board and confirmed by the City Council, whichever occurs first. Pursuant to TMC 1.30.300.G, the Interim Director position shall not be eligible for participation in the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System.

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved, in accordance with Tacoma City Charter Article IV Section 4.18, to confirm the appointment of Linda McCrea as Interim Director of Utilities effective December 1, 2017. The term of the confirmation shall be until April 30, 2018 or until a permanent Director is appointed by the Board and confirmed by the City Council, whichever occurs first. Pursuant to TMC 1.30.300.G, the Interim Director position shall not be eligible for participation in the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 2 - Mello and Mayor Strickland

7. [17-1226](#) A motion may be considered to confirm the appointment of Linda Stewart as Director of the Neighborhood and Community Services Department, with an annual salary of \$168,896, effective November 29, 2017.

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to confirm the appointment of Linda Stewart as Director of the Neighborhood and Community Services Department, with an annual salary of \$168,896, effective November 29, 2017.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 2 - Mello and Mayor Strickland

APPOINTMENTS

8. [RES39872](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Human Rights Commission. [Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to adopt Resolution No. 39872.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 2 - Mello and Mayor Strickland

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES39873](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Mountain Stone Aggregate LLC, in the amount of \$283,350, plus a 10 percent contingency, plus applicable sales tax, for a total of \$311,685, budgeted from the Asphalt Plant Fund, for hot mix asphalt aggregate, for an initial contract period of one-year, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods, for a projected contract total of \$1,654,777.99 - Specification No. PW17-0392F.
[Rae Bailey, Street Operations Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to adopt Resolution No. 39873.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 2 - Mello and Mayor Strickland

RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES39874](#) A resolution authorizing the reissuance of Tacoma Municipal Belt Line 8807 and Tacoma Rail Mountain Division 8000 series freight switching tariffs, and the Tacoma Municipal Belt Line 6004 series demurrage tariff, effective January 1, 2018, to ensure reliable rail services at cost of service rates.
[Dan McCabe, Rail Section Manager; Dale King, Rail Superintendent]

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to adopt Resolution No. 39874.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 2 - Mello and Mayor Strickland

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

17-1131

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the 2017-2018 Biennial Budget, 2017-2022 Capital Facilities Program, and 2017-2018 Capital Budget.

[Katie Johnston, Budget Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

The public hearing began at 5:22 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Tim Warden-Hertz, 402 Tacoma Avenue South.
2. Liz Kaster, 2905 North 9th Street.
3. Matt Newport, 1518 North Anderson, 98406.
4. John Avery, 2501 North Union Avenue.
5. David Cook, 4221 North Verde Street.
6. Carole Sue Braaten.

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

RESOLUTIONS (continued)

11. RES39875 A resolution approving the 2018-2019 Funding Priorities Statement for the Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development.
[Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development; Linda Stewart, Interim Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to adopt Resolution No. 39875.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 2 - Mello and Mayor Strickland

12. [RES39876](#) A resolution authorizing the use of up to \$50,000 of City Council Contingency Funds to support a pilot project to assist tenants and provide incentives to landlords who accept Section 8 Housing Vouchers; create funds for landlord damage reimbursements, and to assist tenants with screening fees and security deposits; and directing the City Manager to examine the feasibility of adding source of income as a protected class in rental regulations and negotiate and execute a professional services agreement with the Tacoma Housing Authority outlining the scope of work and deliverables.
[Council Members Blocker, Campbell, and Walker Lee]

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to adopt Resolution No. 39876.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 2 - Mello and Mayor Strickland

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

13. [ORD28463](#) An ordinance granting a non-exclusive franchise to WA-CLEC LLC, to construct, operate, and maintain a telecommunications system in the City.
[Jeff Lueders, Cable Communications and Franchise Services Manager; Gwen Schuler, Director, Media and Communications]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 2 - Mello and Mayor Strickland

14. [ORD28464](#) An ordinance granting a non-exclusive franchise to ExteNet Systems, Inc., to construct, operate, and maintain a telecommunications system in the City.
[Jeff Lueders, Cable Communications and Franchise Services Manager; Gwen Schuler, Director, Media and Communications]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 2 - Mello and Mayor Strickland

15. [ORD28471](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.30 of the Municipal Code, relating to Retirement and Pensions, to increase the employer and employee contribution rates by a combined total of 1 percent, effective the first pay period in February 2018.
[Timothy Allen, Director, Retirement]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 2 - Mello and Mayor Strickland

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

16. [ORD28473](#) An ordinance modifying the 2017-2018 Biennial Budget to appropriate funds for contractual obligations, transfers, and other budget adjustments; authorizing interfund transfers and contributions; and accepting, depositing, and appropriating miscellaneous donations, contributions, and/or fees.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28473 was set over for final reading next week.

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[Katie Johnston, Budget Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

The public hearing was held earlier in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli thanked staff for their work on the mid-biennial budget process.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Ibsen, Vice Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee reported at the October 25, 2017 meeting, the Committee heard updates on the Unified Development Code, a preview of the Puyallup Avenue Corridor Conceptual Design, the collaboration of the City and Metro Parks for the future of Ruston Way, and the Regional Climate Change Pledge. He reported on November 8, 2017, the Committee held Planning Commission interviews, with no recommendation made at that time, and were briefed on the Brewery District’s future infrastructure and capital facilities planning. Finally, he reported the November 22, 2017 meeting was cancelled and the next meeting will be December 13, 2017, and will include Landmarks Preservation Commission interviews and a briefing on the revolving loan for Historic Buildings Pilot Program.

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MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to excuse Council Member Mello and Mayor Strickland from the meeting tonight.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 2 - Mello and Mayor Strickland

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Robert Thoms, Deputy Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk