



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

August 15, 2017

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Lonergan

Council Member Lonergan arrived at 5:09 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Deputy Mayor Thoms.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [17-0821](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, July 11, 2017.
2. [17-0819](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability, June 28, 2017.
3. [17-0799](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, June 28, 2017.
4. [17-0800](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, July 19, 2017.
5. [17-0822](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, July 12, 2017.
6. [17-0823](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, July 12, 2017.
7. [17-0820](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, June 12, 2017.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance No. 28449 relating to aligning City code requirements with the State's paid sick leave law at this time.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

Council Member Lonergan arrived here at, 5:09 p.m.

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

Ayes: 6 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Thoms and Mayor Strickland

Nays: 2 - Mello and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Blocker

19. [ORD28449](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 18.10, entitled "Paid Leave", to align City code requirements with the State's paid sick leave law which takes effect on January 1, 2018.
[Melanie Harding, Employment Standards Project Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to remove Ordinance No. 28449 from the agenda at the request of staff.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 5 - Campbell, Lonergan, McCarthy, Thoms and Mayor Strickland

Nays: 3 - Ibsen, Mello and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Blocker

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28449 was removed from the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. [17-0825](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, July 25, 2017.

RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES39777](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, August 29, 2017, at approximately 5:15 p.m., as the date for the public hearing by the City Council, on the sale of approximately .30 acres of property, located at the southwest corner of 51st Street Northeast and Caledonia Road Northeast, in unincorporated Pierce County, to Jeff and Mary Norton, for the amount of \$160,000.
[Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Chris McMeen, Deputy Water Superintendent]
10. [RES39778](#) A resolution setting Thursday, September 28, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate the remaining segment of South 45th Street, lying west of South Adams Street, for the redevelopment and expansion of existing businesses.
(Lackermayer Holdings, LLC and Lackermayer Family, LLC;
File No. 124.1381)
[Ronda Cornforth, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E.,
Director, Public Works]

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

11. [ORD28435](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of the alley right-of-way lying between East 28th Street and East 29th Street from Portland Avenue to the extended East line of Lot 24 of Blocks 7846 and 7945 of the Indian Addition to the City of Tacoma, for the construction of a multi-level garage structure, casino, and hotel as part of the Emerald Queen Casino Relocation project.
(Puyallup Tribe of Indians; File No. 124.1371)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

12. **ORD28447** An ordinance amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code, entitled “Zoning”, to reclassify approximately 11,500 square feet of property, located at 715 and 719 East 56th Street, from an R-2 Single-Family Dwelling District to a C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District, to allow for the construction of a gas station, including site improvements and the installation of an underground storage tank. (Match, LLC; File No. LU16-0294)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 39777 and 39778, final reading of Ordinance No. 28435, and first reading of Ordinance No. 28447.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28447.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Blocker

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 39777 and 39778, final reading of Ordinance No. 28435, and setting Ordinance No. 28447 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Blocker

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:12 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Dan Trimble, Economic Development Board, speaking on Resolution No. 39779.
2. Evelyn Lopez, 2208 North Bristol Street, speaking on Resolution No. 39779.
3. Evette Mason, Port of Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39783.
4. Laura Fox, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 39779.
5. Monique Trudnowski, Public Utility Board, speaking on Resolution No. 39779.
6. Nick Mitchell, Tacoma Chamber, speaking on Ordinance No. 28449.
7. Bruce Martin, WestRock Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39779.
8. David Basher, International Longshore and Warehouse Union, speaking on Resolution No. 39783.

Public Comment ended at 5:28 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

13. [RES39779](#) A resolution approving the reappointment of William A. Gaines to the position of Director of Utilities for the period of September 22, 2017, through December 2, 2017; and approving a Transition and Separation Agreement.
[Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39779.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Blocker

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

14. [RES39780](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Comprehensive Mental Health of Tacoma-Pierce County d.b.a. Comprehensive Life Resources, in the amount of \$455,000, sales tax not applicable, budgeted from the General Fund and the Neighborhood and Community Service Special Revenue Fund, for professional services related to a holistic intervention to reduce youth violence and transform the lives of youth in our community, from September 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 - Specification No. NC17-0137F.
[Vicky McLaurin, Project Manager; Linda Stewart, Interim Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39780.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Blocker

RESOLUTIONS

15. [RES39781](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the University of Washington, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000, budgeted from various departmental funds, for the Livable City Year Program for public health, urban design, economic development, and community service projects throughout the City, from September 2017 through September 2018.
[Tanisha Jumper, Tacoma 2025 Program Manager; Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39781.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Blocker

16. [RES39782](#) A resolution authorizing Tacoma Power to accept a 20-year extension of the non-exclusive franchise with the City of Lakewood, to allow Tacoma Power to continue serving electric customers within the City of Lakewood.
[Dolores Stegeman, Transmission and Distribution Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39782.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Blocker

17. [RES39783](#) A resolution expressing the City Council’s legislative intent to fund 24-hour Tacoma Fire Department engine staffing on the Tide Flats, until such time as Fire Station 5 can become fully operational, allowing the City Manager to commence all necessary implementation steps.
[Deputy Mayor Thoms and Council Member McCarthy]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39783.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to amend Resolution No. 39783 on Page 2, Line 5, by replacing the words “at the earliest practical date” with the words “as of October 2017.”

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Blocker

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt Resolution No. 39783, as amended. The Resolution, as amended, was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Blocker

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

- 18. **ORD28448** An ordinance amending the 2017-2018 Capital Budget to recognize changes in transfers, additional revenues, and budget adjustments.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28448 was set over for final reading next week.

- 19. **ORD28449** An ordinance amending Chapter 18.10, entitled "Paid Leave", to align City code requirements with the State's paid sick leave law which takes effect on January 1, 2018.
[Melanie Harding, Employment Standards Project Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28449 was considered earlier in the meeting and removed from the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Campbell, Vice Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee stated the meetings on July 13 and 27, 2017, were cancelled. He reported at the meeting on August 10, 2017, the Tacoma Fire Department gave their mid-year review and updated the Committee on the aid vehicle implementation, and there was a policy discussion about the creation of an Immigrant Defense Fund. Council Member Campbell concluded by stating the next meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. in Tacoma Municipal Building Room 248, to conduct interviews for the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority and the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, and hear an update on the Neighborhood Council Program.

Mayor Strickland stated she is signing on to the Mayors' Compact to Combat Hate with the U.S. Conference of Mayors to combat hate, extremism and bigotry, noting the horrific events in Charlottesville. She stated there are also hate groups in Washington State and some in Pierce County.

She read the ten key components of this initiative:

1. Expressly rejecting extremism, white supremacy and all forms of bigotry
2. Denouncing all acts of hate wherever they occur
3. Ensuring public safety while protecting free speech and other basic constitutional rights
4. Calling for fully-resourced law enforcement and civil rights investigations of domestic terrorism and hate crimes
5. Elevating and prioritizing anti-bias and anti-hate programs in our nation's schools
6. Supporting targeted communities and bringing together civic and community leaders to build trust
7. Celebrating diversity, promoting inclusivity and challenging bias
8. Promoting law enforcement training on responding to and reporting hate incidents, hate crimes and domestic terrorism
9. Encouraging residents in their communities to report hate incidents and crimes, including using hot lines and online tools
10. Maintaining civil rights enforcement and strengthening hate crime laws when necessary

Mayor Strickland stated the City of Tacoma has taken on equity, empowerment, and inclusion as part of our core values and she will continue to work with staff and the community to build a community that is inclusive and treats all people with respect and dignity.

Council Member Walker Lee stated she was discouraged by the events in Charlottesville and the comments made thereafter. She noted she runs a civil rights agency that deals with issues of discrimination and housing on a regular basis. She stated she has been encouraged by the work of the City of Tacoma, citing the equity and empowerment initiative, Project PEACE, the Office of Equity and Human Rights, the Immigrant and Refugee Task Force, and the Latino Town Hall Task Force. She then invited everyone to attend an event on Friday, August 18, 2017, Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequity. She stated the event is a film screening and community conversation led by Dr. Shakti Butler, at Evergreen State College in Tacoma, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to excuse Council Member Blocker from the meeting tonight.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Blocker

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.



Marilyn Strickland, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk