



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

November 14, 2017

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Ibsen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [17-1171](#) Minutes of the Finance Investment Committee, August 7, 2017.
2. [17-1145](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, October 18, 2017.
3. [17-1163](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, October 9, 2017.
4. [17-1138](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, September 20, 2017.
5. [17-1124](#) Monthly Financial Reports for the Fleet Services Fund, Self-Insurance Claim Fund, Tacoma Power, Tacoma Rail, Tacoma Rail Mountain Division, and Tacoma Water, August 2017.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. [17-0969](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 10, 2017.

RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES39864](#) A resolution removing the City Council public hearing previously set for Tuesday, November 21, 2017, on the proposed Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, as recommended by the Planning Commission, to be rescheduled in 2018.
[Elliott Barnett, Associate Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

8. [ORD28469](#) An ordinance vacating the portion of the South 45th Street right-of-way lying west of South Adams Street and east of the South 45th Street right-of-way previously vacated, for redevelopment to address the existing street pattern and other configuration issues.
(Lackermayer Holdings, LLC; File No. 124.1381)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39864 and first reading of Ordinance No. 28469.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28469.

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 No. 39864, and setting Ordinance No. 28469 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

9. [17-1134](#) Proclaiming Tuesday, November 14, 2017 as Student Government Day.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed Tuesday, November 14, 2017 as Student Government Day, and presented a proclamation to Ms. Amanda Scott-Thomas, Tacoma Public Schools Community Partnership Director.

10. [17-1137](#) Proclaiming Wednesday, November 15, 2017 as Tacoma GIS Day.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed Wednesday, November 15, 2017 as Tacoma GIS Day, and presented a proclamation to Ms. Nancy Grabinski-Young, Economic Development Supervisor, and Mr. Sanjay Chopra, Information Technology Manager.

11. [17-1172](#) Recognizing the Twin Tiger Taekwondo team.

Mayor Strickland recognized the Twin Tiger Taekwondo team and presented a recognition to Master Daniel Ramirez and the team.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

- [17-1129](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed amendments to Title 13 of the Municipal Code, relating to the billboard sign code. [Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

The public hearing began at 5:20 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. David Endicott, 98119.
2. Korbe Palmer, 98198.
3. Norm Dicks, 98528.
4. Douglas A. Schafer, 1202 South Tyler Street, 98405.

5. Kit Burns, P.O. Box 2341.
6. Tom Pierson, 98401.
7. Peter Wangoe, 98134.
8. Tim Thompson, 98407.
9. Marilyn Kimmerling, 98407.
10. Beth Sutton, 98406.
11. David Bell, 5001 North Vischer.
12. Rita Andreeva, Yakima Avenue.

The public hearing ended at 6:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 6:04 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Bruce Kendall, Economic Development Board, 950 Pacific Avenue, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
2. Mindy Roberts, Washington Environmental Council, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
3. William Gish, 6043 South Oakes Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
4. Ryan Cruz, Citizens for a Healthy Bay, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
5. Jenn Adrien, Economic Development Board, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
6. Sarah Cornett, Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
7. Ken Campbell, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
8. Chrissy Cooley, Sustainable Tacoma Commission, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
9. David McInturff, Washington Conservation Voters, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
10. Mark Martinez, Pierce County Building and Construction Trades Council, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
11. Dr. Linda Fortune, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
12. Steve Storms, Northeast Tacoma Neighborhood Council, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
13. Bruce Hoeft, Tahoma Audobon, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
14. Rebecca Pontio, Washington Environmental Council, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
15. Dan Pike, citizen, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
16. Nathan McCurtain, 2455 St. Helens Avenue, Tacoma 98402, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.

17. Amy McColm, Fircrest, WA, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
18. Sarah Farbstein, Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
19. Paelina DeStephano, Washington Environmental Council, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
20. Janet Higbee-Robinson, Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
21. Evette Mason, Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
22. Deirdre Wilson, Port of Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
23. Victoria Leistman, Sierra Club, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
24. Todd Hay, Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
25. Tom Walrath, Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
26. Norma Ramirez, Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
27. Kyle Jolibois, Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
28. Bethany Llewellyn, Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
29. Erin Rasmussen, Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
30. Nikie Walters, Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
31. Tom Pierson, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
32. Mary Paynter, 27220 10th Avenue South, Des Moines 98198, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
33. Bill Adams, 23255 27th Avenue South, Des Moines 98198, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
34. Bliss Moore, 6116 North Park Avenue, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
35. Marilyn Kimmerling, 4414 North 34th Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
36. Alex Ramel, Stand.earth, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
37. Ana Siegel, 815 North Adams Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
38. Shirley Low, 3043 44th Avenue Northeast, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
39. Pamela Celalakem Bond, Tacoma, Tribal First Nations, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
40. Rita Andreeva, Yakima Avenue, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
41. Richard Lovering, Redefine, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
42. Paul Wagner, 98402, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
43. Steven Kelly, Fuse @ Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
44. Stacy Oaks, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
45. Nanette Reetz, Northeast Tacoma resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
46. Val Peaphon, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
47. Barb Church, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
48. Kristin Ang, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
49. Alyssa Barton, Puget Soundkeeper Alliance, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
50. Alexis Noonan, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.

51. Ellen Moore, 824 North Grant Avenue, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
52. Kenra Brewer, 2625 Meridian Avenue, Edgewood 98571, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
53. Dionna Klein, 4801 Hyada Boulevard, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
54. William Kupinse, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.
55. Ron Morrison, 2405 North Stevens Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28470.

Public Comment ended at 8:29 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

12. [17-1164](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Gayle Stanford v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 16-2-05993-2, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$162,000.

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Gayle Stanford v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 16-2-05993-2, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$162,000.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Mayor Strickland

APPOINTMENTS

13. [RES39865](#) A resolution reappointing individuals to the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board.

[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39865.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Mayor Strickland

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

14. [ORD28470](#) An ordinance amending Title 13 of the Municipal Code, entitled Land Use Regulatory Code, by amending various chapters to enact interim land use regulations for an initial period of six months, to protect the viability and effectiveness of the Tideflats subarea planning process and its outcomes.

[Stephen Atkinson, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to amend Ordinance No. 28470 by adding the following: Changing the duration of the interim regulations from an initial term of six months to an initial term of one year.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

Deputy Mayor Thoms stated the amendment had substantive changes and called for public comment on the amendment. No one came forward to address the amendment.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Mayor Strickland

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to amend Ordinance No. 28470 Exhibit D by adding the following: The addition of smelters to the list of uses subject to interim restrictions. This amendment would add smelters, as defined in the North American Industrial Classification System, to proposed new TMC Section 13.06.580.B. as a new subsection "5. Smelters."

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

Deputy Mayor Thoms stated the amendment had substantive changes and called for public comment on the amendment.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Yvonne McCarty, Chair, Northeast Neighborhood Council.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Mayor Strickland

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to amend Ordinance No. 28470 Exhibit D to amend the proposed code language as follows: This amendment would clarify that the provisions apply only to primary uses and not to accessory uses and activities by amending TMC 13.06.580, Subsection B.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

Deputy Mayor Thoms stated the amendment had substantive changes and called for public comment on the amendment.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Steve Storms, Northeast Tacoma Neighborhood Council.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Mayor Strickland

MOTION: Council Member Walker Lee moved to amend Ordinance No. 28470 Exhibits B and D by removing the following: Remove the interim restrictions on the expansion of all existing uses allowing the normal processes, including SEPA review to address any expansions. Restrictions on new uses will remain. This amendment would change the proposed TMC 13.06.400 (Exhibit B) by amending proposed Subsection 1 and removing Subsection 3. This amendment would amend proposed TMC 13.06.580.C (Exhibit D) by removing Sections 3, 4, and 5.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

Deputy Mayor Thoms stated the amendment had substantive changes and called for public comment on the amendment.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Yvonne McCarty, Chair, Northeast Neighborhood Council.
2. Dan Pike, citizen.
3. Ryan Cruz, Citizens for a Healthy Bay.
4. Sarah Cornett, Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility.
5. Steven Kelly, Fuse @ Tacoma.
6. Rebecca Pontio, Washington Environmental Council.
7. Alex Ramel, Stand.earth.
8. Steve Storms, Northeast Tacoma Neighborhood Council.
9. Kyle Jolibois, Tacoma.
10. Shirley Low, 3043 44th Avenue Northeast.
11. Mindy Roberts, Washington Environmental Council.
12. Nikie Walters, Tacoma.
13. Nathan McCurtain, 2455 St. Helens Avenue, Tacoma 98402.
14. Seamus Mahoney.
15. Chrissy Cooley, Sustainable Tacoma Commission.
16. Bruce Hoefl, Tahoma Audobon.
17. Nanette Reetz, Northeast Tacoma resident.
18. Alyssa Barton, Puget Soundkeeper Alliance.

ACTION: Roll call vote was requested, taken and carried. The amendment was declared adopted.

Ayes: 5 - Campbell, Lonergan, McCarthy, Thoms and Walker Lee

Nays: 2 - Ibsen and Mello

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Mayor Strickland

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28470, as amended, was set over for final reading next week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

15. [17-1129](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed amendments to Title 13 of the Municipal Code, relating to the billboard sign code. [Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

The public hearing was held earlier in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Citizens' Forum began at 9:54 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Hally Bert, 98405, speaking on bike safety.
2. Hannah Minor, 98405, speaking on Safe Routes to Schools.
3. Steve Storms, 98422, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
4. Heather Curbow, 98405, speaking on bike safety.
5. Kyle Jolibois, 98402, speaking on safety.
6. Jonathan Srsen, 98465, speaking on youth transportation.
7. William Kupinse, 98407, speaking on tideflats interim regulations.
8. Nanette Reetz, Northeast Tacoma resident, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
9. Nikie Walters, Tacoma, speaking on tideflats interim regulations.
10. Shirley Low, 3043 44th Avenue Northeast, speaking on tideflats.

Citizens' Forum ended at 10:19 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to excuse Council Member Blocker from the meeting tonight.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Mayor Strickland

Council Member Campbell reported, with regard to bicycle access to the Eastside and South End, the McKinley Bridge should reopen in approximately 11 months, and it is designated as a bicycle corridor that will then tie into the Pipeline Trail.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk