



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

February 16, 2016

5:00 PM

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards  
and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

Council Member Thoms participated telephonically.

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Deputy Mayor Mello.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [16-0113](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, January 12, 2016.
2. [16-0119](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, January 11, 2016.

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Mayor Strickland stated that tonight's public scoping meeting for the Northwest Innovation Works proposed methanol plant has been cancelled and rescheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center ballroom, located at 1500 Broadway. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

3. [RES39384](#) A resolution setting Thursday, March 31, 2016, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of South Alaska Street lying north of South Tacoma Way and south of the Sound Transit rail right-of-way, to increase connectivity within the Bradken, Inc. facility. (Bradken, Inc.; File No. 124.1364)  
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39384.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39384. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

### PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:10 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Charles Creso, citizen, speaking on Resolution No. 39385.

Public Comment ended at 5:13 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### APPOINTMENTS

4. [RES39385](#) A resolution appointing Linda Batway to the Board of Ethics to serve a three-year term to expire December 31, 2018.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39385.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

### PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

5. [RES39386](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Thermo Fisher Scientific dba Thermo Eberline LLC, in the amount of \$368,303.68, plus sales tax, budgeted from the Fire Special Revenue Fund, for specialized diagnostic equipment for the Hazardous Materials Abatement Team - Sole source.  
[Michael Fitzgerald, Assistant to the Chief; James P. Duggan, Fire Chief]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39386, including waiving formal bidding procedures.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution, including waiving formal bidding procedures, was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

**FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

- 6. [ORD28346](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for non-represented employees and employees represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Click!, Supervisors’ and Water Units.  
[Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28346.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

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

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Campbell, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, stated at the January 12, 2016 meeting the Committee heard a presentation on start-up businesses and incubators, and reviewed the 2015 End of Year draft report. He stated at the February 9, 2016 meeting the Committee heard a presentation on farmers market economic activity.

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Council Member Ibsen provided information on a community discussion led by the League of Women Voters and other political science background professionals regarding civility in political discourse and modern campaigns. He stated the event will take place on Saturday, February 20, 2016, at the First United Methodist Church, located at 621 Tacoma Avenue South, at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to excuse Council Member McCarthy from the meeting tonight.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk