



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma, WA 98402

City Council Chambers

**October 22, 2013**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 1 - Walker

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Deputy Mayor Campbell.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

Council Member Walker arrived here, at 5:05 p.m.

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. **13-0189** Minutes of the City Events and Recognitions Committee, September 12, 2013.
2. **13-0192** Minutes of the City Events and Recognitions Committee, September 18, 2013.
3. **13-0215** Minutes of the Government, Performance, and Finance Committee, October 2, 2013.
4. **13-0199** Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, September 25, 2013.
5. **13-0204** Minutes of the Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee, September 12, 2013.
6. **13-0190** Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, August 28, 2013.

7. **13-0191** Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, August 28, 2013.
8. **13-0205** Minutes of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, September 26, 2013.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no consent agenda items.

## **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

9. **13-0210** Recognizing the 20th Anniversary of Neighbor's Park.

Mayor Strickland recognized the 20th Anniversary of Neighbor's Park and presented the recognition to Ms. Judy Quakenbush of 8th and I Neighbors.

10. **13-0211** Proclaiming October 22, 2013 as Joesepi's Senior Softball Team Day.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed October 22, 2013 as Joesepi's Senior Softball Team Day and presented the proclamation to Mr. Joe Stortini and his senior softball teammates.

11. **13-0212** Proclaiming October 2013 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed October 2013 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Ms. Susan Adams, Executive Director of the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center, Ms. Karin White, Deputy Director of the YWCA Pierce County, and Ms. Sally Kim of the Korean Women's Association.

Mayor Strickland called on Municipal Court Judge Elizabeth Verhey to introduce Municipal Court Administrator Michelle Petrich.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment began at 5:24 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

1. Brian Flint, Tacoma Public Utility Board Member, speaking on Resolution No. 38758.

Public comment ended at 5:26 p.m.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS**

- 12. RES38757** A resolution awarding a contract to R. L. Alia Company, on its bid of \$587,931.90, plus sales tax, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$676,121.69, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for the replacement of 1,900 linear feet of wastewater sewer pipe in various locations within the city - Specification No. ES13-0211F.  
[Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Science and Engineering Division Manager;  
Michael P. Slevin, III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to adopt Resolution No. 38757.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

## RESOLUTIONS

- 13. RES38758** A resolution creating an ad hoc steering committee, to be known and designated as the Tacoma Public Utilities Ten-Year Management Review Steering Committee, to conduct a comprehensive management review of the Department of Public Utilities; and appointing members of the City Council and Public Utility Board, the Finance Director, the Deputy Director for Administration, and one member of the City Council as an alternate.  
[Mayor Marilyn Strickland]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to adopt Resolution No. 38758.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

- 14. ORD28181** 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 Professional and Technical Employees Union, Local 17, and changes in classifications to reflect the organizational structure.  
[Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28181. The Ordinance was declared passed.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

15.     **13-0159**         This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed interim land use regulations concerning the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana.  
[Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager; Peter Huffman, Interim Director, Planning and Development Services]

The public hearing began at 5:31 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

Evette Mason, Government Affairs Manager, Port of Tacoma

1. Ryan Agnew, Citizen
2. Carl Mesberg, Citizen
3. Paul Schrag, Citizen
4. Chuck Johnson, Citizen
5. Tom Gordon, Citizen

The public hearing ended at 5:54 p.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

16.     **13-0202**         Weekly Report to the City Council, October 17, 2013.  
City Manager T.C. Broadnax invited citizens to attend the Tacoma-Pierce County Equity Summit on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at Bates Technical College, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

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

### **Government Performance and Finance Committee**

Council Member Lonergan stated the Government Performance and Finance Committee has met three times since the last report and during those meetings, the Committee received July and August budget reports, an update on the Multi-City Tax Portal, and received presentations on the City's 2012 Federal Program Audit and on the Limited Area Franchise Agreement between the City and LightSpeed Networks, Inc. that will be considered at the October 29, 2013 Council meeting. He stated the Committee also received an update on the work of the Fiscal Sustainability Task Force, noting the Task Force is finalizing its recommendations and will present those recommendations to the Committee in

December.

Deputy Mayor Campbell announced upcoming events, the first entitled "FLAVOR", a dine-out fundraiser for Tacoma Community House. He noted 25 percent of each bill will be donated to support programs at Tacoma Community House for dining at participating restaurants on Thursday, October 24, 2013. He stated more information and the list of participating restaurants can be found at: [tacomacommunityhouse.org](http://tacomacommunityhouse.org). He also stated on Friday, November 1, 2013, those who dine at Taqueria El Antojo and mention Project MoLE, through the Northwest Leadership Foundation, 25 percent of the bill will be donated to the program. He then announced upcoming Harvest Fest events hosted by Metro Parks Tacoma.

Council Member Woodards announced the City's gang prevention project recently received a \$133,000 grant from the State of Washington.

Council Member Walker stated November is the annual Art at Work Month, and the opening party and Amocat Awards will be held at the Foss Waterway Seaport on Monday, October 28, 2013.

Council Member Boe provided a brief update on the Pacific Avenue Streetscape Project.

Council Member Thoms announced the screening of the documentary "American Winter" on October 24, 2013, at the Grand Theatre. He stated the film follows the personal stories of eight families struggling in the wake of the economic downturn. He noted a reception will be held afterward at Corrina Bakery.

Council Member Ibsen stated the 2013 Excellence in Affordable Housing Awards will be held on October 23, 2013, at Annie Wright School.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk