



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

August 01, 2017

5:00 PM

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 2 - Campbell 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. [17-0760](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, June 14, 2017.
2. [17-0754](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, special meeting, May 20, 2017.
3. [17-0755](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, June 21, 2017.
4. [17-0757](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, June 21, 2017.

## CONSENT AGENDA

5. [17-0746](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, July 11, 2017.
6. [17-0756](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, July 18, 2017.

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda.  
The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

**Absent:** 2 - Campbell 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. Kristina Walker, 801 South Puget Sound Avenue, speaking on Ordinance No. 28446.

Public Comment ended at 5:13 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES39770](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Sargent Engineers Inc., in the amount of \$504,329, plus applicable sales tax, budgeted from the Public Works Street Fund, for professional services related to load ratings for all Tacoma bridges - Specification No. CT12-0001F.  
[Dan Soderlind, Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39770.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Campbell and Mayor Strickland

### RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES39771](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Encompass Property Management, LLC, for the development of 12 multi-family market-rate housing units located at 627 North Fife Street in the Sixth Avenue Mixed-Use Center.  
[Debbie Bingham, Economic Development Specialist; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39771.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Campbell and Mayor Strickland

9.        [RES39772](#)        A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with 609 S. 17th Street, LLC, for the development of four multi-family market-rate for sale units located at 609 and 613 South 17th Street in the Downtown Regional Growth Center. [Debbie Bingham, Economic Development Specialist; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39772.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the Resolution.**

**The Resolution was declared adopted.**

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

**Absent:** 2 - Campbell and Mayor Strickland

10.       [RES39773](#)       A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Point Ruston, LLC, for the development of 194 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental units located at 5006-5020 Main Street in the Point Ruston Mixed-Use Center. [Debbie Bingham, Economic Development Specialist; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39773.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

**Council Member McCarthy disclosed that he performed legal work for the applicant a few years prior and stated that he has no present or continuing interest in the project, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the Resolution.**

**The Resolution was declared adopted.**

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

**Absent:** 2 - Campbell and Mayor Strickland

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

11. [ORD28442](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, entitled “Compensation Plan”, to implement rates of pay and compensation for Municipal Court Judges and Court Commissioners, and for employees represented by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Teamsters Local 117, Tacoma Venues and Events Unit.  
[Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Campbell and Mayor Strickland

12. [ORD28443](#) An ordinance repealing and reenacting Chapter 2.04 of the Municipal Code to a new Chapter 12.06A, entitled “Electrical Code”, including minor housekeeping language to the Code.  
[James Hellman, Chief Electrical Inspector; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Campbell and Mayor Strickland

13. [ORD28444](#) An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2017, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$90,000,000, to provide funds to finance or refinance costs of capital improvements to the Electric System and to refund all or a portion of the City’s outstanding Electric System Subordinate Revenue Bonds, and delegating the authority to approve the final terms of the bonds.  
[Bill Berry, Rates, Planning, and Analysis Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Campbell and Mayor Strickland

14. [ORD28445](#) An ordinance recommending the defeasance of up to \$28,000,000 of certain outstanding Electric System Revenue Bonds, 2013 Series A, and delegating the authority to approve the final terms of the bonds.  
[Bill Berry, Rates, Planning, and Analysis Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Campbell and Mayor Strickland

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

15. [ORD28446](#) An ordinance amending Title 10 of the Municipal Code, entitled “Public Works” by adding a new Chapter 10.29, entitled “Complete Streets”, providing for Complete Streets Design Guidelines to ensure transportation improvements are planned, designed, and constructed to encourage walking, bicycling, and transit use.  
[Jennifer Kammerzell, Senior Engineer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28446 was set over for final reading next week.**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli reported that, for the fifth year in a row, the City is being recognized by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) for its data-driven management and reporting efforts with a Certificate of Excellence, noting Tacoma is one of just 25 jurisdictions receiving this highest level award. She then provided information on Results253, an online portal that provides community members with dashboard access to data-driven stories about the organization’s progress towards its long-term goals.

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

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Mello, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported on June 28, 2017, the Committee held interviews and recommended individuals for appointment or reappointment to the Planning Commission, the Board of Building Appeals, and the Sustainable Tacoma Commission. He stated the July 12, 2017 meeting was cancelled. He then reported on July 26, 2017, Planning and Development Services provided an update on the residential infill pilot project, Public Works and the Transportation Commission reported on the annual report and work plan, and the Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability provided an overview of the next phase of the Healthy Homes Healthy Neighborhoods project. He concluded by stating the next meeting is August 9, 2017, and will include an update on the implementation of Safe Routes to Schools.

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Council Member Ibsen provided information on cooling center locations for the anticipated high temperatures this week, then announced there will be a community cleanup on Saturday, August 5, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the Pierce Transit Park and Ride Lot, 7201 6th Avenue, in partnership with the West End Neighborhood Council.

Deputy Mayor Thoms announced there will be a community cleanup on Saturday, August 12, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at Jason Lee Middle School, 602 North Sprague Avenue, in partnership with the North Slope Historic District. He stated on Sunday he represented the City at a memorial service for Dawn Lucien, noting her many years of service to the community. He then stated yesterday he attended the dedication of George Weyerhaeuser Jr. Park on the Foss Waterway.

Deputy Mayor Thoms then stated tonight is the 34th Annual National Night Out, where communities and neighborhoods in Tacoma and Pierce County gather to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and to aid local anti-crime efforts while strengthening neighborhoods and police-community partnerships. He then reminded everyone that today is Primary Election Day and encouraged everyone to vote.

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

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.**

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Campbell and Mayor Strickland

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

  
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Robert Thoms, Deputy Mayor

  
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Doris Sorum, City Clerk