



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

February 03, 2015

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

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Walker.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [15-0048](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, July 23, 2014.
2. [15-0049](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, August 13, 2014.
3. [15-0050](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, September 10, 2014.
4. [15-0051](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, September 24, 2014.
5. [15-0052](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, October 22, 2014.
6. [15-0065](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, January 7, 2015.
7. [15-0067](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, December 17, 2014.

## CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items.

### PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. [15-0097](#) Proclaiming February 2015 as Black History Month in the City of Tacoma.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed February 2015 as Black History Month in the City of Tacoma and presented the proclamation to Black Student Union members Nakisha Jones from the University of Puget Sound, and Shaquita Humphrey-Pressley and Reesha Flavors from the University of Washington-Tacoma.

9. [15-0098](#) Proclaiming February 7 - 14, 2015 as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week in the City of Tacoma.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed February 7 - 14, 2015 as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week in the City of Tacoma and presented the proclamation to Jenelle Walter from the Mended Little Hearts of Puget Sound.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:20 p.m.

No one came forward to address the Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:22 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### APPOINTMENTS

10. [RES39107](#) A resolution appointing City Council members to various national, state, regional, and local committees, boards, and commissions, including the Council's six standing committees, for the year 2015.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39107.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**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

11. [RES39108](#) A resolution supporting the Broadway Center for the Performing Arts Theater District Centennial Campaign and pledging up to \$10 million in funding by 2020 for capital improvement projects, contingent on funds generated by the Broadway Center, and subject to future appropriation authority and funding availability.  
[Kim Bedier, Director, Public Assembly Facilities]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39108.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**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

12. [RES39109](#) A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the execution of a Quit Claim Deed conveying vacant undeveloped property at the intersection of South 85th Street and Sheridan Avenue to Tacoma First Baptist Church, for the amount of \$42,130.  
[Ronda Cornforth, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39109.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**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

## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

14. [15-0092](#) This is the date set for a public meeting on the Notice of Intent to petition for annexation of the property generally located on Ruston Way along Commencement Bay at the former Asarco Tacoma Smelter site, to assist the City Council in determining whether to accept, reject, or geographically modify the proposed annexation; whether the City shall require simultaneous adoption of the comprehensive plan; and whether it shall require the assumption of all or any portion of the City's indebtedness by the area to be annexed.  
[John Harrington, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

The public hearing began at 5:30 p.m.

Speaking before the Council:

1. Mayor Bruce Hopkins, 5313 North 49th Street, Ruston.
2. Bill Baarsma, 3709 North Madison Street.
3. Gary Brockett, P.O. Box 1933.
4. Stan Selden, 1234 North Sunset Drive.
5. Council Member Jim Hedrick, 5342 North Commercial Street, Ruston.
6. Council Member Lyle Hardin, 5223 North Winnifred Street, Ruston.
7. Beth Torbet, 5104 North Winnifred Street, Ruston.
8. Don Torbet, 5104 North Winnifred Street, Ruston.
9. Diane Durbin, 5003 Main Street, #310.
10. Bill Durbin, 5003 Main Street, #310.
11. Jeremy Snyder, 2145 McDonald Avenue, DuPont.
12. Stephen Joyce, 3326 North 21st Street.
13. Jim Corp, 7612 113th Street East, Puyallup.
14. Chris Murphy, 1504 North Cedar Street.
15. Tim Thompson, 4041 Ruston Way.
16. Travis Harp, 46223 298th Avenue Southeast, Enumclaw.
17. Patty Turner, 5302 North Court Street, Ruston.
18. John Trueman, 611 North Carr Street.
19. Michael Schoenecker, 5116 North Shirley Street.
20. Sherron Ford, citizen.
21. Jennifer Bradley, 1028 South Huson Street.

The public hearing ended at 7:01 p.m.

13. [RES39110](#) A resolution acknowledging receipt of, accepting, and expressing receptiveness regarding a Notice of Intent to Petition for Annexation concerning the portion of the Point Ruston redevelopment site lying within the City of Ruston.  
(Continued from the meeting of February 3, 2015)  
[John Harrington, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to continue Resolution No. 39110 to the meeting of February 24, 2015.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Boe, Campbell, Lonergan, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Nays:** 2 - Ibsen and Mello

Resolution No. 39110 was continued to the meeting of February 24, 2015.

15. [15-0043](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed adoption of permanent land use regulations concerning the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana.  
[Elliot Barnett, Associate Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

The public hearing began at 7:31 p.m.

Speaking before the Council:

1. Deborah Cade, 908 North M Street.
2. Jennifer Bradley, 1028 South Huson Street.
3. Susan Cruise, 615 South Madison Street.
4. T.J. Lauritsen, 1775 K Street Northwest, Washington D.C., UFCW.
5. Nick Shepard, 27704 68th Avenue East, Graham.

The public hearing ended at 7:50 p.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated the Tacoma Police Department received a letter from the U.S. Department of Justice acknowledging and recognizing the Child Abduction Response Team (CART) for achieving recertification. He noted compliance with the standards and performance objectives of the child abduction exercise demonstrates the Tacoma CART is prepared to respond if a child is missing, endangered or abducted and further established a professional standard for excellence. Mr. Broadnax congratulated Chief Ramsdell and the entire department for their achievement.

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

Neighborhoods and Housing Committee (Continued from January 27, 2015)

Council Member Walker, Chair of the Neighborhoods and Housing Committee, stated on November 3, 2014, the Committee conducted interviews for the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority and heard a presentation on the rapid graffiti removal evaluation and recommendation. She then stated the November 17, 2014 meeting included interviews for the Landmarks Preservation Commission, an informational briefing on right-of-way permitting processes in residential neighborhoods, and funding recommendations for the 2015-2016 Community Mobilization Services competitive funding process. Council Member Walker noted on December 1, 2014, the Committee heard presentations regarding proposed changes to the Municipal Code regarding hearings and noise, and an update on the 2015-2016 Code Compliance Community Education and Outreach Plan. She next stated the December 15, 2014 meeting included an update on the development of the analysis of impediments to fair housing in conjunction with the development of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, and an update to the Single-family Residential Blight Abatement Program. Council Member Walker noted the Committee reviewed their 2014 Annual Report and discussed their 2015 work plan on January 5, 2015. She concluded by stating the next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2015, and will include updates on the Neighborhood Council Review and the Multi-family Property Tax Exemption Code.

Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee

Council Member Woodards, Chair of the Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee, stated on November 13, 2014, the Committee heard a presentation on the proposed community service funding recommendations, noting a follow-up presentation was held on November 24, 2014. She then stated there was a second meeting on November 13, 2014, to conduct interviews for the Human Rights Commission. Council Member Woodards noted the December 11, 2014 meeting included interviews for the Human Services Commission, and a presentation on the proposed amendments to Title 8 of the Municipal Code to permit indoor recreational use of airsoft guns in licensed shooting galleries. She concluded by announcing the next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2015, and will include a presentation on the funding recommendations for the service category to reduce chronic homelessness.

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Deputy Mayor Boe stated the Rialto Theater is hosting the Tacoma Opera’s production of HMS Pinafore this weekend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk