



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

February 14, 2017

5:00 PM

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Mello.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [17-0160](#) Minutes of the Citizen Police Advisory Committee, December 12, 2016.
2. [17-0164](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, January 11, 2017.
3. [17-0165](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, January 25, 2017.
4. [17-0144](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, January 18, 2017.
5. [17-0155](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, January 9, 2017.

- 6. [17-0167](#) Disclosure of Remote Interest pursuant to Tacoma City Charter Section 6.6 and Municipal Code Section 1.46.030 A and B as follows:
  - Name Mayor Marilyn Strickland
  - Affiliation Board of Directors, Forterra
  - Affiliation Board of Commissioners, Pierce Transit
  - Affiliation Executive Committee, Puget Sound Regional Council
  - Affiliation Board of Directors, Vice-Chair, Sound Transit
  - Affiliation Executive Committee, Tacoma Pierce County Economic Development Board
  - Affiliation Trustee, U.S. Conference of Mayors
  - Affiliation Trustee, Urban Land Institute

## CONSENT AGENDA

- 7. [17-0153](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, December 13, 2016.
- 8. [17-0154](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, January 3, 2017.
- 9. [17-0121](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, November 29, 2016.
- 10. [17-0157](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, December 6, 2016.
- 11. [17-0158](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, December 13, 2016.
- 12. [17-0159](#) Minutes of the special joint City Council meeting with the Metropolitan Park Board of Commissioners, December 19, 2016.

## RESOLUTIONS

- 13. [RES39648](#) A resolution setting Thursday, March 23, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of the air rights of Court E, lying between South 15th and South 17th Streets, for balconies in an apartment development.  
 (Napoleon Group, LLC; File No. 124.1376)  
 [Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

14. [ORD28407](#) An ordinance vacating the east six feet of South Yakima Avenue, adjacent to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, for approximately 150 feet of the block between South 15th and South 16th Streets, to cure an existing encroachment. (St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church; File No. 124.1370)  
[Phyllis Macleod, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39648 and final reading of Ordinance No. 28407.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39648 and final reading of Ordinance No. 28407. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:08 p.m.

No one came forward to address the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:09 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

15. [17-0162](#) A motion may be considered to approve an annual salary of \$237,349 for Elizabeth Pauli while in the position of Interim City Manager, retroactive to her appointment date of February 6, 2017.

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to approve an annual salary of \$237,349 for Elizabeth Pauli while in the position of Interim City Manager, retroactive to her appointment date of February 6, 2017.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

16. [17-0163](#) A motion may be considered to confirm the appointment of Gary Buchanan as Interim Human Resources Director, with an annual salary of \$167,773, effective February 15, 2017. The term of the appointment shall be up to six months or until a permanent Human Resources Director is appointed and confirmed by the City Council, whichever occurs first. Pursuant to TMC 1.30.300.G, the Interim Human Resources Director position shall not be eligible for participation in the Tacoma Employee's Retirement System.

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to confirm the appointment of Gary Buchanan as the Interim Human Resources Director, with an annual salary of \$167,773, effective February 15, 2017. The term of the appointment shall be up to six months or until a permanent Human Resources Director is appointed and confirmed by the City Council, whichever occurs first. Pursuant to TMC 1.30.300.G, the Interim Human Resources Director position shall not be eligible for participation in the Tacoma Employee's Retirement System.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## APPOINTMENTS

17.     [RES39649](#)     A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Citizen Police Advisory Committee.  
                          [Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, Acting City Attorney]

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39649.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

18.     [RES39650](#)     A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Gartner, Inc., in the amount of \$88,858, sales tax not applicable, for a total of \$290,249, budgeted from the Information Systems Fund, for information technology research and advisory services through February 28, 2018 - State of Washington Contract No. 05712.  
                          [Jack Kelanic, Director, Information Technology]

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39650.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

19.     [RES39651](#)     A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Software One, Inc., in the amount of \$68,199.13, plus sales tax, for a total of \$2,264,939.13, budgeted from the Information Systems Fund, for Microsoft licensing and software assurance services through December 31, 2017 - State of Washington Contract No. T11-MST-579.  
[Jack Kelanic, Director, Information Technology]

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39651.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

20.     [RES39652](#)     A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with The Stergion Group, Inc., in the amount of \$90,246, plus sales tax, for a total of \$264,810, budgeted from the Information Systems Fund, for organizational change management services through December 31, 2017 - Specification No. PS14-0295F.  
[Michelle Lewis-Hodges, Program Management Manager;  
Jack Kelanic, Director, Information Technology]

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39652.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## RESOLUTIONS

21. [RES39653](#) A resolution allowing the City to reimburse itself for project costs related to the Tacoma Dome improvements, incurred prior to the issuance of Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds.  
[Teresa Sedmak, City Treasurer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39653.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

22. [ORD28409](#) An ordinance amending Subtitles 16A and 16B, of the Municipal Code, relating to Cable, Open Video, Private Communications, and Telecommunication Systems, to update language to reflect current franchise insurance requirements.  
[Jeff Lueders, Cable Communications and Franchise Manager; Gwen Schuler, Director, Media and Communications]

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

23. [ORD28410](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 2.02 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Building Code, to incorporate references to the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region X's updated Flood Insurance Rate Map which identifies Special Flood Hazard Areas within the City effective March 7, 2017.  
[Sue Coffman, Building Official; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28410 was set over for final reading next week.**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

24. [17-0140](#) This is the date set for a public hearing on the surplus and exchange of approximately 4,157 square feet of Tacoma Water property located in Cumberland, to Mr. Ted Coutts in exchange for an equal amount of property and \$10,000 for the relocation of existing improvements.  
[Gloria Fletcher, Senior Real Estate Officer; Linda McCrea, Water Superintendent]

The public hearing began at 5:25 p.m.

No one came forward to address the City Council.

The public hearing ended at 5:26 p.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **CITIZENS' FORUM**

Citizens' Forum began at 5:27 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Steven Storms, 1316 Browns Point Boulevard, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
2. John Larson, 804 South G Street, speaking on Con Convention.
3. Theresa Power-Drutis, 1418 South G Street, speaking on homelessness.
4. Rosemary Powers, 1418 South G Street, speaking on pile driver noise.
5. Hally Bert, Downtown on the Go, speaking on biking.
6. Rob Love, Tacoma, speaking on biking.
7. Wendy Pantoja, NWDC Resistance, speaking on immigration.
8. Leonard Houghton, Portland Avenue, speaking on homelessness.
9. Raymond Jones, homeless, speaking on homelessness.
10. Larry Hester, homeless, speaking on homelessness.
11. Nicolas Peterson, 2520 Jefferson Avenue, speaking on Wells Fargo divestment.
12. Nanette Reetz, Northeast Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas and supplemental environmental impact statement.
13. Carie Ambroe, Portland Avenue, speaking on homelessness.
14. Vanna Sing, Tacoma Healing Awareness Community, speaking on sanctuary city.
15. Mark Slater, 3402 6th Avenue, speaking on public nuisance resolution.
16. Sandra Trout, JGKMW employee, speaking on Ruston railroad crossing.
17. Julia Hobbs, Tacoma, speaking on Ruston railroad crossing.



- 18. Maria Walker, 1436 Doorbrush Drive, Lacey, speaking on Ruston railroad crossing.
- 19. Peter Keay, Tacoma, speaking on Ruston railroad crossing.

Citizens' Forum ended at 6:10 p.m.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

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

Mayor Strickland reminded everyone there is no Council meeting on March 14, 2017 and the Citizens' Forum will be held at the March 21, 2017 meeting.

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

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk