



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

**June 12, 2018**

**5:00 PM**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ibsen

Mayor Woodards participated telephonically.

## **FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Council Member Ushka.

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

## **ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

1. [18-0614](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, May 14, 2018.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

2. [ORD28381](#) An ordinance vacating the north 10 feet of South 23rd Street lying between the west margins of Jefferson Avenue and Fawcett Avenue, for use in an economic development project.  
(City of Tacoma; File No. 124.1369)  
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Ordinance No. 28381.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

**MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28381.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the substitution of Ordinance No. 28381. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ibsen

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Substitute Ordinance No. 28381. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ibsen

### PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:12 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kristina Walker, 801 South Puget Sound Avenue, speaking on Resolution No. 40030.
2. Ryan Mudie, Tacoma Fire Fighters Union, speaking on Resolution No. 40031.

Public Comment ended at 5:15 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

3. [18-0615](#) A motion may be considered in accordance with Tacoma City Charter Article IV Section 4.18 to confirm the appointment of Jackie Flowers to the position of Director of Utilities, with an annual salary of \$330,158.40, effective August 1, 2018, and pursuant to Tacoma Municipal Code Section 1.12.110.H approve the portion of the offer of employment letter providing severance benefits of one year's salary in the event of termination as described in the letter.

**MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved in accordance with Tacoma City Charter Article IV Section 4.18 to confirm the appointment of Jackie Flowers to the position of Director of Utilities, with an annual salary of \$330,158.40, effective August 1, 2018, and pursuant to Tacoma Municipal Code Section 1.12.110.H approve the portion of the offer of employment letter providing severance benefits of one year's salary in the event of termination as described in the letter.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

Public comment was heard from:

1. Monique Trudnowski, Public Utility Board.

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ibsen

4. [18-0616](#) A motion may be considered to confirm the appointment of Jeff Robinson as Director of the Community and Economic Development Department, with an annual salary of \$161,491, effective June 25, 2018.

**MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to confirm the appointment of Jeff Robinson as Director of the Community and Economic Development Department, with an annual salary of \$161,491, effective July 9, 2018.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ibsen

## APPOINTMENTS

5. [RES40027](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Planning Commission. [Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40027.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ibsen

## PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES40028](#) A resolution awarding a contract to General Mechanical, Inc., in the amount of \$869,560, plus applicable sales tax, plus a 20 percent contingency, for a total of \$1,043,472, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, to construct a steel storage structure at the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant for TAGRO - Specification No. ES18-0131F.  
[Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Science and Engineering Division Manager;  
Michael P. Slevin, III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40028.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ibsen

7. [RES40029](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Ceccanti Inc, in the amount of \$587,872.00, sales tax not applicable, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a total of \$646,659.20, budgeted from various departmental funds, to construct ADA compliant curb ramps, driveway approaches, and bus pads in various locations within City right-of-way - Specification No. PW18-0045F.  
[Darius Thompson, Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40029.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ibsen

8. [RES40030](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Johansen Construction Company Inc., in the amount of \$2,478,586.48, plus applicable sales tax, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a total of \$2,726,445.13, budgeted from various departmental funds, for construction of a shared use path and non-motorized facilities on Pipeline Road between East 48th and East 40th Streets - Specification No. PW17-0186F.  
[Darius Thompson, Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40030.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ibsen

## RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES40031](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Tacoma Fire Fighters Union, Local 31, consisting of approximately 374 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to June 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.  
[Kari Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40031.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ibsen

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

10. [ORD28513](#) 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 Tacoma Fire Fighters Union, Local 31, and Professional Public Safety Management Association.  
[Kari Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28513 was set over for final reading next week.**

## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

11. [18-0617](#) This is the date set for a second public hearing by the City Council on the 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development and Public Services.  
[Daniel Murillo, Housing Division Manager; Kim Bedier, Acting Director, Community and Economic Development; and Pam Duncan, Human Services Division Manager; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

Public Hearing began at 5:34 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Duke Paulson, 8344 6th Avenue, Tacoma.
2. Denny Hunthansen, 631 Fir Park Lane, Fircrest.
3. Carole Sue Braaten, Fife.

Public Hearing ended at 5:42 p.m.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## CITIZENS' FORUM

Citizens' Forum began at 5:42 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Donna Seay, Tiki Tenants Organizing Committee, speaking on tenant protections.
2. Debbie Simmons, Tiki Tenants Organizing Committee, speaking on tenant protections.

3. Andre Escalante, speaking on tenant protections.
4. Amy Tower, Tiki Tenants Organizing Committee, speaking on tenant protections.
5. Andrea McCullough, Rialto Apartments, speaking on tenant protections.
6. Monica Klavano, Tiki Tenants Organizing Committee, speaking on inclusionary zoning.
7. Sarah Howe, Tiki Tenants Organizing Committee, speaking on tenant protections.
8. Holly Rydel Kelly, Tiki Tenants Organizing Committee, speaking on tenant protections.
9. Carolyn Deford, Puyallup tribal member, speaking on supplemental environmental impact statement.
10. Sue Scott, Tiki Tenants Organizing Committee, speaking on tenant protections.
11. Austin Hayes, South Sound Democratic Socialists of America, speaking on tenant protections.
12. Malakay Betor, Tiki Tenants Organizing Committee, speaking on tenant protections.
13. Andrea Shapiro, South Sound Democratic Socialists of America, speaking on tenant protections.
14. Sid Olufs, resident, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
15. Dakota Case, Puyallup Tribe, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
16. Stacy Oaks, 350 Seattle, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
17. Dr. James Williams, Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, speaking on tenants with disabilities.
18. Paul Chromey, Tacoma resident, speaking on Tacoma Police Department Community Liaison Officers.
19. Barb Drake, Seattle, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
20. Kyle Jolibois, resident, speaking on liquefied natural gas and supplemental environmental impact statement.
21. Molly Nichols, Tiki Tenants Organizing Committee, speaking on tenant protections.
22. Beverly Christie, Tacoma, speaking leanness of soul, liquefied natural gas, and fossil fuels.
23. Nikie Walters, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas and housing.
24. Isaac Paul Walls III, Tacoma, speaking on housing and redlining.
25. Marilyn Kimmerling, Tacoma Industrial Workers of the World, speaking on tenants and supplemental environmental impact statement.
26. William Kupinse, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas and supplemental environmental impact statement.
27. John Carlton, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
28. Steve Way, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas and supplemental environmental impact statement.
29. Twylia Westling, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas and supplemental environmental impact statement.



30. Pam Keeley, Puyallup, speaking on liquefied natural gas and supplemental environmental impact statement.
31. Tracy Wiegman, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas and supplemental environmental impact statement.
32. Steve Storms, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
33. Mary Paterson, Seattle, speaking on liquefied natural gas and supplemental environmental impact statement.
34. Justin Lawson, Seattle, speaking on liquefied natural gas and supplemental environmental impact statement.
35. Brian Skiffington, Tiki Tenants Organizing Committee, speaking on tenant protections.
36. Carole Sue Braaten, Fife, speaking on land use, geological hazards, liquefied natural gas, and supplemental environmental impact statement.
37. James Rideout, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, speaking on liquefied natural gas.

Citizens' Forum ended at 7:29 p.m.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

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

### Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Acting Mayor Mello, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the May 9, 2018 meeting, the Committee held interviews for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission and received a presentation on the Landmarks Preservation Commission's annual report. He stated the May 23, 2018 meeting was cancelled, but they held a special meeting on May 30, 2018 where the Committee interviewed applicants for the Planning Commission and received an update on the Cushman and Adams Substations. At the June 5, 2018 special meeting, the Committee further interviewed for the Planning Commission and made recommendations. He concluded by stating the next meeting is tomorrow, June 13, 2018, where the Committee will be briefed on traffic light synchronization, Tacoma Water's Integrated Resource Plan, and the progress on Tacoma maritime air emissions inventory.

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Council Member Ushka stated this Saturday, June 16, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., there will be a community cleanup with Mann Safe Streets, Spring Hill, and Stewart Safe Streets neighborhood groups at Mann Elementary School parking lot, located at 1002 South 52nd Street.

Council Member Ushka also stated the Tacoma Farmer's Market on McKinley Avenue started last week and it is open on Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ibsen

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk