



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

August 22, 2017

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Walker Lee.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [17-0854](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, June 21, 2017.
2. [17-0855](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, July 19, 2017.
3. [17-0826](#) Minutes of the Transportation Commission, June 21, 2017.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. [17-0844](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, August 1, 2017.

5. [RES39784](#) A resolution accepting a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$2,163,101, and depositing said sum into the Fire Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund, to hire, train, and employ 12 additional firefighters for a three-year period.
[James Duggan, Fire Chief]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:08 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Tiffany Speir, Pierce County, speaking on Resolution No. 39790.
2. Michael Mirra, Tacoma Housing Authority, speaking on Resolution No. 39790.
3. Joe Brady, Metro Parks Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39790.

Public Comment ended at 5:13 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

6. [RES39785](#) A resolution reappointing Stan Rumbaugh to the Board of Commissioners of the Tacoma Housing Authority to serve a five-year term beginning August 23, 2017, to expire on August 23, 2022.
[Mayor Strickland]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39785.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

7. [RES39786](#) A resolution amending Resolution No. 38670 relating to the City Events and Recognitions Committee, to increase the number of members from nine to 11, and reappoint and reassign individuals to said Committee.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39786.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES39787](#) A resolution amending and extending an agreement with Pierce County Recycling, Composting and Disposal, LLC, d.b.a. LRI, in the amount of approximately \$75,723,228, budgeted from the Solid Waste Fund, for disposal of collected solid waste, for a ten-year period, from February 2020 through February 2030.

[Gary Kato, Solid Waste Management Division Manager;
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39787.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

9. [RES39788](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Washington State Department of Transportation Federal/State Capital Construction Grant Agreement, and moving projected 2017-2019 biennial funding of \$2,500,000 to appropriated funding, for the Tacoma Link Expansion Project.

[Diane Sheesley, P.E., Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39788.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

10. [RES39789](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Pass-Through Grant Agreement between the City and Sound Transit regarding Washington State Department of Transportation Federal/State Capital Construction Grant Agreement, for the Tacoma Link Expansion Project. [Diane Sheesley, P.E., Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39789.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

11. [RES39790](#) A resolution authorizing the use of up to \$10,000 of City Council Contingency Funds, for a comprehensive review and mapping of publicly and privately owned land in the City, for the purpose of determining which properties could be utilized for affordable housing to benefit the public; and directing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a professional services agreement outlining the scope of work and deliverables. [Council Members Blocker, Ibsen, and Walker Lee]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39790.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

Mayor Strickland disclosed that she serves on the Board for Forterra and will be recusing herself.

Council Member Mello disclosed an appearance of a remote conflict of interest, stating he serves on an advisory council called the Regional Leadership Council for Forterra, for which he receives no pay or compensation, nor does he have any decision-making authority.

Council Member McCarthy disclosed a remote interest, stating he serves on the Board of Tacoma Technology Hub and that Board has, in the past, been in discussions with Forterra about potentially contracting with them.

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Ayes: 6 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Thoms and Walker Lee
Abstain: 3 - McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Strickland

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

12. [ORD28448](#) An ordinance amending the 2017-2018 Capital Budget to recognize changes in transfers, additional revenues, and budget adjustments.

[Katie Johnston, Budget Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

13. [ORD28450](#) An ordinance amending Title 1 of the Municipal Code, entitled “Administration and Personnel”, by amending various sections to rename the Public Assembly Facilities Department as the Tacoma Venues and Events Department.

[Kim Bedier, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28450 was set over for final reading next week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

14. [17-0824](#) (Continued from the meeting of August 22, 2017)
Margaret Y. Archer, Gordon Thomas Honeywell LLP, representing the appellant William and Ann Riley and Heather L. Burgess, Phillips Burgess PLLC, representing the appellant YWCA Pierce County appealing the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner regarding the Final Assessment Roll for Local Improvement District No. 8645 for construction of permanent pavement and other appurtenances located on Broadway from South 2nd Street to South 9th Street; St. Helens Avenue from South 7th Street to South 9th Street; Market Street from St. Helens Avenue to South 9th Street; South 4th Street from Stadium Way to Broadway; South 7th Street from Broadway to St. Helens Avenue.
(Local Improvement District No. 8645; File No. HEX 2017-004)

The appeal began at 5:38 p.m.

Mayor Strickland stated it is the Council’s intention that this hearing be fair in form and substance, as well as in appearance, and asked any

Council Members who have a personal interest in this matter, have made statements that might be interpreted to suggest they have prejudged this matter, or have had any ex parte communications with the parties regarding this case, to disclose that at this time.

Council Member Campbell disclosed a remote interest relative to the YWCA, stating that he serves on the Public Policy Committee, which has no financial authority or discussions.

Council Member McCarthy disclosed that his spouse serves on the YWCA Board and stated he is recusing himself from the appeal.

Mayor Strickland called on Margaret Y. Archer, representing appellants William and Ann Riley.

Mayor Strickland then called on Heather L. Burgess, representing appellant YWCA Pierce County.

Mayor Strickland then called on Deputy City Attorney Steve Victor, representing the City of Tacoma.

Mayor Strickland opened the appeal for questions from the City Council.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to convene to Closed Session in Room 148 pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(2) to deliberate the appeal, not exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Abstain: 1 - McCarthy

The Council convened to Closed Session at 5:57 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre was present.

The Closed Session was extended by ten minutes at 6:12 p.m.

The Closed Session concluded and the City Council meeting reconvened at 6:21 p.m.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to hold this item over to next week.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Abstain: 1 - McCarthy

The appeal ended at 6:22 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Campbell, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, stated at the meeting on July 25, 2017, staff from the Tacoma Venues and Events Department, Travel Tacoma, Metro Parks, and Tacoma South Sound Sports Commission shared how the City of Tacoma and their local partners apply recreation and tourism to promote economic development, and the Committee was briefed on the economic impact the arts and cultural sector has on the City and Pierce County. He then reported on August 8, 2017, the Committee held interviews for the City Events and Recognitions Committee and hosted a delegation from Tacoma's 15th Sister City, Brovary, Ukraine, where the Mayor of Brovary and his delegation shared the commonalities between the two cities and invited members of the Committee to visit later in the year. Finally, he reported on August 22, 2017, staff briefed the Committee on the various transit-oriented development under way around the City, including the new Amtrak Station in the Dome District, Sound Transit LINK Expansion, and new housing development, Trax, which will be the first project in Tacoma that will provide an ORCA transportation pass to each resident.

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Council Member Campbell provided information on two events on August 30, 2017 on the eastside: at 3:15 p.m., at the Eastside Farmers Market, Tacoma’s Refugee Choir will be hosting a community sing along, and at 6:00 p.m., there will be a community dinner at the Eastside Family Support Center, as part of the East Tacoma Collaborative to work together to have a safe, healthy, thriving and just eastside of Tacoma.

Council Member Walker Lee stated the Hilltop Street Fair will be held this Saturday, beginning at 11:00 a.m., on Martin Luther King Jr. Way in the Hilltop and invited everyone to attend.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to appoint Council Member Campbell to serve as Acting Mayor from August 27 to August 28, 2017, and Council Member Mello to serve as Acting Mayor from August 29 to September 4, 2017.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk