



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

**August 27, 2019**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

Council Member Ushka participated telephonically.

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Deputy Mayor McCarthy.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [19-0905](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, August 6, 2019.
2. [19-0885](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, July 10, 2019.
3. [19-0886](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, July 10, 2019.
4. [19-0887](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, July 15, 2019.

## CONSENT AGENDA

5. [19-0884](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, July 16, 2019.
6. [19-0796](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, June 25, 2019.

**RESOLUTIONS**

7. [RES40410](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a grant agreement and any associated term extensions with the Pierce County Conservation Futures, in the amount up to \$205,623, plus eligible costs; accepting and depositing said sum into an escrow account; and the expenditure of up to \$49,377 in matching City funds, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, for a maximum total of \$255,000, to fund the appraisal and purchase of up to six parcels of land for the purpose of protecting natural habitat and providing stormwater benefit, and further authorizing the execution and closing of purchase and sale agreements, and conservation agreements for said parcels.  
[John Burk, P.E., Science and Engineering Division Manager;  
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]
8. [RES40411](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a grant agreement and any associated term extensions with the Washington State Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$1,100,000, and \$475,691 in matching City funds, budgeted from the Tacoma Rail Fund, to upgrade approximately 5,100 feet of existing railroad track along Marine View Drive.  
[Kyle Kelleem, Roadmaster; Dale King, Rail Superintendent]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40410 and 40411.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40410 and 40411. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

9. [19-0925](#) Proclaiming Thursday, August 29, 2019 as Children's Therapy Center Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Thursday, August 29, 2019 as Children's Therapy Center Day and presented the proclamation to Mr. Barry Gourley, CEO, and Rita Schwarting, Board President, Children's Therapy Center.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:05 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Alton McDonald, New Century Justice Network, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40413 and 40414.
2. Carol Kindt, 350 Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 40418.
3. Joy Caddock, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40418.

Public Comment ended at 5:13 p.m.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to suspend the rules to consider Item No. 16, Resolution No. 40418, regarding the renaming of Rhone Poulenc salt marsh, at this time.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

**16. [RES40418](#)**

A resolution renaming the property currently known as the Rhone Poulenc salt marsh, located at 1747 Port of Tacoma Road, as recommended by the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40418.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.**

Comments were heard from the following Puyallup Tribal Member:

1. Tim Reynon, Council Member.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## REGULAR AGENDA

### APPOINTMENTS

10. [RES40412](#) A resolution reappointing individuals to the Foss Waterway Development Authority.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40412.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

### PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES40413](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Miles Resources, LLC, in the amount of \$1,344,617.25, plus applicable taxes, plus a 20 percent contingency, for a total of \$1,613,540.70, budgeted from various departmental funds, for a wastewater force main replacement, roadway, and curb ramp improvements in the vicinity of Sealawn and Overlook Avenues Northeast - Specification No. ES19-0218F.  
[John Burk, Science and Engineering Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40413.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

12. [RES40414](#) A resolution awarding a contract to R.L. Alia Company, in the amount of \$1,570,982.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a total of \$1,806,629.30, budgeted from various departmental funds, for the replacement of wastewater, stormwater, and water mains, in addition to roadway and curb ramp improvements at various locations in the City - Specification No. ES19-0028F. [Jordan Ennis, P.E., Project Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40414.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

13. [RES40415](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Stericycle Environmental Solutions, in the amount of \$176,800, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Solid Waste Fund, for the Household Hazardous Waste Program, for a projected contract total of \$695,344, through August 31, 2020 - Specification No. ES14-0319F. [Lewis Griffith, P.E., Solid Waste Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40415.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## RESOLUTIONS

14. [RES40416](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of two interest-free loan agreements with the Washington State Department of Transportation, in the total amount of \$640,000, accepting and depositing said sum into the Tacoma Rail Fund, and further authorizing matching City funds in the amount of \$714,119, to partially fund railroad tracks for the Mazda Siding and the TOTE Yard projects.  
[Kyle Kellem, Roadmaster; Dale King, Rail Superintendent]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40416.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

15. [RES40417](#) A resolution designating the Alvin and Anna McIlvaine House, located at 413 South "M" Street, as a City Landmark and placing said property on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places.  
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40417.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - Ibsen and Thoms

16. [RES40418](#) A resolution renaming the property currently known as the Rhone Poulenc salt marsh, located at 1747 Port of Tacoma Road, as recommended by the Landmarks Preservation Commission.  
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

Resolution No. 40418 was considered earlier in the meeting.

17. [RES40419](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Amended and Restated Agreement with North America Asset Management Group, LLC, to facilitate construction financing for Building 2 related to the Town Center mixed-use project, located between South 21st to South 23rd Streets and Jefferson to Tacoma Avenues, adjacent to the University of Washington Tacoma.  
[Elly Walkowiak, Assistant Director; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40419.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - Ibsen and Thoms

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

18. [ORD28601](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.70 of the Municipal Code, relating to Local Option Taxes, by adding Section 6A.70.047 entitled “Credit against state’s share of tax - sales or use tax for affordable housing - Imposition” and Section 6A.70.048 entitled “Credit against state’s share of tax - sales or use tax for affordable housing - Rate,” and amending Section 6A.70.120 relating to “Administration and collection of taxes” to authorize the maximum capacity of the tax authorized under the provisions of Substitute House Bill 1406 for affordable and supportive housing.  
(Continued from the meeting of August 20, 2019)  
[Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28601.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the substitution of Ordinance No. 28601. The motion was declared adopted.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Substitute Ordinance No. 28601. The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

19. [ORD28603](#) 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 Teamsters Local 313.  
[Kari Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28603. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms



**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

- 20.     [ORD28604](#)     An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 28491, relating to Land Use Regulations, to correct a scrivener’s error which will include adding correctional facilities to the M-1 zoning district as of January 1, 2018.  
[Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28604 was set over for final reading on September 10, 2019.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

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

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Blocker, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the August 8, 2019 meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the Rental Housing Code and held interviews for the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities; and at the August 22, 2019 meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Fireworks After Action Report for 2019 and proposed changes to the Park Code. He stated the next meeting will be held on September 12, 2019, and will include a presentation on the State of Black Tacoma and proposed changes to the Neighborhood Council Program.

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Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that the September 3, 2019 City Council study session and business meeting are cancelled.

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

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk