



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

September 24, 2019

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Thoms.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [19-1012](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, August 22, 2019.
2. [19-1026](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, August 20, 2019.
3. [19-1010](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, August 14, 2019.
4. [19-1011](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, August 14, 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. [19-1013](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, September 10, 2019.

RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES40430](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Tacoma, to continue providing a cooperative framework for coordination of certain stormwater management activities, for a one-year period, through September 30, 2020.
[John Burk, P.E., Science and Engineering Division Manager;
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40430.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40430. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. [19-1032](#) Proclaiming Wednesday, October 2, 2019 as Energy Efficiency Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Wednesday October 2, 2019 as Energy Efficiency Day and presented the proclamation to Mr. Steve Bicker, Power Conservation Manager, Tacoma Public Utilities.

8. [19-1031](#) Proclaiming October 2019 as Tacoma Arts Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 2019 as Tacoma Arts Month and presented the proclamation to Ms. Heather Conklin, Chair, Tacoma Arts Commission.

9. [19-1033](#) Presentation of the Venue Excellence Award.

Mayor Woodards presented the Venue Excellence Award to Ms. Kim Bedier, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events.

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Mayor Woodards recognized Metropolitan Parks Tacoma for earning the National Recreation and Park Association’s National Gold Medal Award and re-accreditation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:20 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Aaron Pointer, Metropolitan Parks Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
2. Martha Sheppard, Salvation Army, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
3. Maureen Howard, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
4. Paul Crandall, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
5. Michael Mizer, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
6. Pastor John, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
7. Melissa Dunbar, 8213 South Sheridan Avenue, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
8. Greg Walker, 915 South Ridgewood Avenue, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
9. Kyle Jolibois, 431 Broadway, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
10. Gerrit Nyland, Catholic Community Services, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
11. Dr. Al Ratcliffe, Homeless Coalition, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
12. David Combs, The T-Shirt Men Company, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
13. Rosemary Powers, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
14. Theresa Power-Drutis, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
15. Neal Rogers, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
16. Sean Arent, 1645 South 45th Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.

Public Comment ended at 6:06 p.m.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 6:06 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 6:23 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

10. [RES40431](#) A resolution appointing Dylan O’Catherine to the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40431.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES40432](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Brown and Caldwell, Inc., in the amount of \$604,896, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for engineering design services associated with the North End Wastewater Treatment Plant trickling filter upgrade improvements, including regulatory assistance, through December 31, 2020 - Architectural and Engineering Roster.
[John Burk, P.E., Science and Engineering Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40432.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

12. [RES40433](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Active Construction Inc., in the amount of \$8,500.00, plus applicable taxes, for a total of \$770,561.30, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for additional costs above the improvements to the infrastructure, for modification of the planter box, located on East 25th Street, adjacent to the new Amtrak Station at Freighthouse Square - Specification No. PW18-0013F.
[Sue O'Neill, Assistant Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40433.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

13. [RES40434](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Serpanok Construction Inc., in the amount of \$7,000, plus applicable taxes, for a total of \$235,076, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for rebuilding the new shoreline revetment along Ruston Way - Specification No. PW18-0408F.
[Darius Thompson, Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40434.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

RESOLUTIONS

14. [RES40435](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an interagency agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology, in an amount not to exceed \$426,400, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, to assist in the maintenance and restoration of the City's habitat restoration sites and passive open spaces, beginning October 7, 2019 through September 10, 2020.

[John Burk, P.E., Science and Engineering Division Manager;
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40435.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

15. [ORD28607](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for nonrepresented employees and changes in classification to create the unclassified title of Assistant Neighborhood and Community Services Director.

[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28607. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

16. [ORD28608](#) An amended ordinance adopting amendments to the Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map to improve the consistency between the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan and implementing zoning, as part of the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code for 2019, as recommended by the Planning Commission.
[Brian Boudet, Planning Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Amended Ordinance No. 28608. The Amended Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

17. [ORD28609](#) An ordinance adopting the pre-annexation proposed land use designations and zoning districts for the Manitou Potential Annexation Area, as part of the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code for 2019, as recommended by the Planning Commission.
[Brian Boudet, Planning Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28609. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

18. [ORD28610](#) An ordinance adopting amendments incorporating Tacoma’s Affordable Housing Action Strategy (AHAS) into the Housing Element of the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan, updating housing affordability data, and lending greater policy support for the implementation of the AHAS, as part of the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code for 2019, as recommended by the Planning Commission.
[Brian Boudet, Planning Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28610. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

19. [ORD28611](#) An ordinance amending various chapters of Title 1, relating to Administration and Personnel, and Title 13, relating to the Land Use Regulatory Code of the Municipal Code, to adopt the proposed historic preservation regulatory amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code for 2019, as recommended by the Planning Commission.
[Brian Boudet, Planning Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28611. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

20. [ORD28612](#) An ordinance amending Title 13 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Land Use Regulatory Code, to repeal Chapter 13.10 in its entirety, relating to Shoreline Management, and enacting a new Title 19, entitled “Shoreline Master Program”, fulfilling the State’s periodic review requirement, as part of the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code for 2019, as recommended by the Planning Commission.
[Brian Boudet, Planning Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28612. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

21. [ORD28613](#) An ordinance amending various chapters in Title 1, relating to Administration and Personnel, Title 8, relating to Public Safety, and Title 13, relating to the Land Use Regulatory Code of the Municipal Code, to adopt the minor plan and code amendments as part of the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code for 2019, as recommended by the Planning Commission.
[Brian Boudet, Planning Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28613. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

22. [ORD28614](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to Water - Regulations and Rates, for wholesale rate adjustments, effective January 1, 2020; System Development Charge adjustments, effective January 1, 2020; and Fixed Fees adjustments, effective January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2024.
[Sean Senescall, Water Division Manager; Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28614 was set over for final reading next week.

23. [ORD28615](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 8.27 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Park Code, to address emerging public safety issues impacting the quality of life in Tacoma's parks.
[Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager; Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28615 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Government Performance and Finance Committee (Continued from the September 17, 2019 meeting)

Council Member Ibsen, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported at the August 20, 2019 meeting, the Committee received presentations on General Government and Tacoma Public Utilities shared government collaboration, Tacoma Power's long-range financial plan, and Tacoma Water's wholesale pricing and policy revisions; and at the September 17, 2019 meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Tacoma anchor institutions network and Council Rules on Walk on Amendments. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be on October 1, 2019, and will include presentations on Tacoma Employees Retirement Services and employment standards regarding minimum wage and paid sick leave.

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Mello, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the August 21, 2019 meeting, the Committee held interviews for the Board of Building Appeals and Planning Commission and received a presentation on the Urban Forestry Management Plan; at the September 4, 2019 meeting, the Committee received presentations on the electric scooter and bike share program and the Planning Commission's annual report and work program; and at the September 18, 2019 meeting, the Committee received a presentation on electric vehicle readiness. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be on October 2, 2019, and will include Pierce Transit and City goal alignment, Transportation Commission work plan and accomplishments, and sidewalk projects and missing link updates.

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Mayor Woodards recognized and thanked the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, University of Washington Tacoma, Tacoma Public Schools, King’s Books, Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, and library staff for the Tacoma Reads 2019 event featuring Tommy Orange’s debut novel “There There”.

Mayor Woodards recognized the Youth Climate Strike on September 20, 2019, and read the following four demands given by the youth organizers for City Council consideration:

1. Declaring a climate emergency in the City of Tacoma.
2. Terminating all new and current fossil fuel expansion.
3. Updating the environmental action plan to reflect the size and scope of the climate crisis.
4. Centering justice in all of the above demands.

She further stated the demands have been received and heard, and the City Council will look into how to address the demands.

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MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to excuse Deputy Mayor McCarthy 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, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk