



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

May 22, 2018

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Mello

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Hunter.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [18-0513](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, March 8, 2018.
2. [18-0502](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, March 28, 2018.
3. [18-0500](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, April 11, 2018.
4. [18-0501](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, April 11, 2018.
5. [18-0495](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, April 9, 2018.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 40015 relating to the Tacoma Public Utility Board appointment at this time.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Camarata.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mello

- 18. [RES40015](#) A resolution appointing and confirming Christine Cooley to the Tacoma Public Utility Board to serve a five-year term beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023. (Continued from the meeting of May 22, 2018) [Deputy Mayor Ibsen and Council Members Blocker and Hunter]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to continue Resolution No. 40015 to the meeting of June 5, 2018.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mello

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to remove the proclamation regarding Gospel Music Legends Day from tonight’s agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Camarata.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mello

CONSENT AGENDA

6. [18-0438](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, March 6, 2018.
7. [18-0493](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, March 20, 2018.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

8. [ORD28469](#) An ordinance vacating the portion of the South 45th Street right-of-way lying west of South Adams Street and east of the South 45th Street right-of-way previously vacated, for redevelopment to address the existing street pattern and other configuration issues.
(Lackermayer Holdings, LLC; File No. 124.1381)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]
9. [ORD28482](#) An ordinance vacating the portion of the East 29th Street air rights, beginning at a minimum vertical distance of 24.5 feet from the finished street grade, between the east margin of Portland Avenue and terminating at a point 100 feet west of the west margin of East R Street, abutting and adjacent to tribal property, in connection with the Emerald Queen Casino relocation project.
(Puyallup Tribe of Indians; File No. 124.1382)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]
10. [ORD28483](#) An ordinance vacating the portion of the East R Street air rights, beginning at a minimum vertical distance of 24.5 feet from the finished street grade, between East 29th Street and East 30th Street, abutting and adjacent to tribal property, in connection with the Emerald Queen Casino relocation project.
(Puyallup Tribe of Indians; File No. 124.1383)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

11. [ORD28512](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of North 10th Street right-of-way lying west of Jackson Avenue, for the expansion of residential yard space.
(Buckets Johnson, LLC; File No. 124.1385)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Ordinance Nos. 28469, 28482, and 28483, and first reading of Ordinance No. 28512.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Camarata.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28469.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the substitution of Ordinance No. 28469. The motion was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Mello

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28482.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Camarata.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the substitution of Ordinance No. 28482. The motion was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Mello

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28512.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mello

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Substitute Ordinance Nos. 28469 and 28482, and Ordinance No. 28483, and setting Ordinance No. 28512 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Mello

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. [18-0511](#) Proclaiming the week of May 28, 2018 through June 3, 2018 as Tacoma Hospitality Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed the week of May 28, 2018 through June 3, 2018 as Tacoma Hospitality Week and presented the proclamation to Mr. Joe Bushnell, Local Government Affairs Coordinator of the Washington Hospitality Association.

13. [18-0540](#) Proclaiming Monday, May 28, 2018 as Gospel Music Legends Day.

This item was removed earlier in the meeting.

14. [18-0512](#) Proclaiming Saturday, June 2, 2018 as Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Saturday, June 2, 2018 as Gun Violence Awareness Day and presented the proclamation to Ms. Leanne Kennedy, the Lead for Pierce Neighbors for Gun Responsibility; Ms. Katie Scherling, Pierce Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense; Mr. Calvin Kennon, Sr., Rising Above Influence; and Ms. Madilyn Murphy, a student at School of the Arts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:23 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Chris Karnes, Sustainable Tacoma Commission, speaking on Resolution No. 40016.
2. Wilma Dague, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40013.

Public comment ended at 5:28 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

15. [18-0525](#) A motion may be considered in accordance with Tacoma City Charter Article IV Section 4.18 to extend the appointment of Linda McCrea as Interim Director of Utilities through (1) August 31, 2018 or (2) until a permanent Director is appointed by the Board and confirmed by the City Council and begins employment, whichever occurs first.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved, in accordance with Tacoma City Charter Article IV Section 4.18, to extend the appointment of Linda McCrea as Interim Director of Utilities through (1) August 31, 2018 or (2) until a permanent Director is appointed by the Board and confirmed by the City Council and begins employment, whichever occurs first.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mello

APPOINTMENTS

16. [RES40013](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission.

[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40013.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Camarata.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to amend Resolution No. 40013 by replacing all references to Heather Rawley with Jade Monroe.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Camarata.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mello

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mello

17. [RES40014](#) A resolution extending the terms of specified members of the Hilltop Engagement Committee through December 31, 2018.

[Mayor Woodards and Council Member Blocker]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40014.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mello

18. [RES40015](#) A resolution appointing and confirming Christine Cooley to the Tacoma Public Utility Board to serve a five-year term beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023. (Continued from the meeting of May 22, 2018)
[Deputy Mayor Ibsen and Council Members Blocker and Hunter]

Resolution No. 40015 was continued earlier in the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

19. [RES40016](#) A resolution expressing support for initiatives to foster better conditions for electrification of transportation, including electric vehicle purchase and usage; and, directing the City Manager to collaborate with the Director of Public Utilities and report to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee on the feasibility, cost, estimated greenhouse gas reductions, grant opportunities, and a strategy for implementation, no later than November 2018.
[Deputy Mayor Ibsen and Council Members Beale, Camarata, and Ushka]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40016.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mello

20. [RES40017](#) This is the first reading of a resolution amending Rule 9 of the *Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma*, relating to Public Comment/Public Forum, to reinstate Citizens' Forum on the second Tuesday of every month.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40017.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: The Resolution was set over for final reading on June 5, 2018.

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

Absent: 1 - Mello

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 McCarthy, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported the Committee held a special meeting on May 1, 2018 to receive presentations from the final candidates for the Community and Economic Development Director position. He stated the May 8, 2018 meeting was cancelled and at today's meeting the Committee heard from Dr. Joel Baker, Science Director of the Center for Urban Waters and a professor at the University of Washington Tacoma (UWT), regarding UWT's effort in supporting science, technology, engineering, and mathematics training and jobs, especially environmental green jobs. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 29, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room 248, and will include a presentation on the upcoming redevelopment plans for Tacoma Mall and to respond to questions on retail trends and the future of Tacoma Mall.

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Council Member Ushka provided information on the upcoming community cleanup on Saturday, June 2, 2018, at the Champions Church, located at 1819 East 72nd Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Mayor Woodards stated the City Council study session and business meeting on Tuesday, May 29, 2018, have been cancelled.

Mayor Woodards recognized City Manager Elizabeth Pauli on her 20th Anniversary of employment with the City of Tacoma with a certification.

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mello

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk