



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

May 21, 2019

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Beale

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Hunter.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [19-0515](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, March 14, 2019.
2. [19-0516](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, March 28, 2019.
3. [19-0517](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee and Pierce County Human Services Committee joint meeting, April 25, 2019.
4. [19-0526](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, April 9, 2019.
5. [19-0527](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, April 23, 2019.
6. [19-0522](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, March 13, 2019.
7. [19-0523](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, April 10, 2019.
8. [19-0494](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, April 3, 2019.

9. [19-0495](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, April 17, 2019.
10. [19-0508](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, March 27, 2019.
11. [19-0509](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, March 27, 2019.
12. [19-0500](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, April 8, 2019.
13. [19-0511](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, March 20, 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. [19-0530](#) Proclaiming May 19-25, 2019 as National Public Works Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed May 19-25, 2019 as National Public Works Week and presented the proclamation to Mr. Kurtis Kingsolver, Public Works Director, and Mr. Michael Slevin, Environmental Services Director.
15. [19-0534](#) Proclaiming May 2019 as Hunger Awareness Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed May 2019 as Hunger Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Mr. Roger Cortes, Emergency Food Network Operations Director.
16. [19-0531](#) Proclaiming May 2019 as Mental Health Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed May 2019 as Mental Health Month and presented the proclamation to Ms. Maureen Womack, Wellfound Behavioral Health Hospital.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:15 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Carol Kindt, 350 Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28583 and Resolution No. 40333.
2. Clare Petrich, Port of Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28583.
3. Nathan McCurtain, Washington Environmental Council (WEC), speaking on Ordinance No. 28583.
4. Anna Doty, WEC, speaking on Ordinance No. 28583.
5. Melissa Malott, Citizens for a Healthy Bay, speaking on Ordinance No. 28583.
6. Nikie Walters, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28583.
7. Carolyn DeFord, Puyallup Tribe, speaking on Resolution No. 40333.
8. Ramona Bennett, Puyallup Tribe, speaking on Resolution No. 40333.
9. Kathy Lawhon, 1114 South 11th Street, speaking on Resolution No. 40333.

Public Comment ended at 5:39 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to suspend the rules to consider Item No. 22, Resolution No. 40333, at this time.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Beale

- 22. [RES40333](#) A resolution renaming Eells Street to “Fishing Wars Memorial Crossing,” and the Puyallup River Bridge to the “Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge,” 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. 40333.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

Public Comment was heard from:

- 1. **Bill Sterud, Puyallup Tribal Council Chair.**
- 2. **David Bean, Puyallup Tribal Council Vice Chair.**
- 3. **Ramona Bennett, Tribal Elder.**
- 4. **Marti Hilyard, Tribal Elder.**

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

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

Absent: 1 - Beale

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The City Council meeting recessed at 6:05 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 6:13 p.m.

17. [19-0543](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims for damages against the City by Pacific Plaza Development, Claim No. 16369, relating to the development of Pacific Plaza parking garage, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$218,608.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims for damages against the City by Pacific Plaza Development, Claim No. 16369, relating to the development of Pacific Plaza parking garage, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$218,608.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Beale and Thoms

APPOINTMENTS

18. [RES40329](#) A resolution appointing individuals to the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40329.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Beale and Thoms

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

19. [RES40330](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Braun NW, Inc., in the amount of \$518,430, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Emergency Medical Services Special Revenue Fund, for two 2019 North Star ambulances - Interlocal Purchasing Agreement with West Pierce Fire and Rescue, Contract No. 2916-1.
[Michael Fitzgerald, Assistant to the Chief; Toryono Green, Fire Chief]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40330.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Beale and Thoms

20. [RES40331](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Global Contractors LLC, in the amount of \$400,095, plus applicable taxes, plus a 20 percent contingency, for a total of \$480,114, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for pedestrian and safety improvements located at Blix and Stanley Elementary Schools - Specification No. PW18-0446F.
[Basel Kitmitto, P.E., Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40331.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Beale and Thoms

21. [RES40332](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Rotochopper, in the amount of \$558,102.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 5 percent contingency, and including a sole source contract in the amount of \$61,662.00, for a total of \$586,007.10, budgeted from the Solid Waste Fund, for a tracked horizontal grinder used in solid waste processing and engineering and installation fees - General Services Administration
Contract No. GS-30F-004DA.
[Lewis Griffith, Solid Waste Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40332, including waiving formal bidding procedures for the amount of \$61,662.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Beale and Thoms

RESOLUTIONS

22. [RES40333](#) A resolution renaming Eells Street to “Fishing Wars Memorial Crossing,” and the Puyallup River Bridge to the “Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge,” as recommended by the Landmarks Preservation Commission.
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

Resolution No. 40333 was considered earlier in the meeting.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

23. [ORD28583](#) An ordinance approving a six-month extension of the Tideflats Interim Regulations as originally approved by Amended Ordinance No. 28470 and extended by Ordinance No. 28542.
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28583.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Beale and Thoms

24. [ORD28584](#) An ordinance amending the 2019-2020 Biennial Operating Budget for 2017-2018 contract obligations, adjustments in transfers to the Capital Budget, and other budget adjustments.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28584.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Beale and Thoms

25. [ORD28585](#) An ordinance amending the 2019-2020 Capital Budget for transfers and other budget adjustments.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28585.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Beale and Thoms

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

- 26. [ORD28586](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for the position of City Manager, retroactive to May 16, 2019.
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28586 was set over for final reading on June 4, 2019.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli reported that the Public Works and Environmental Services Departments have been re-accredited by the American Public Works Association (APWA). She concluded that the Accreditation Program recognizes public works agencies that go beyond the requirements established in the industry, as contained in the APWA Public Works Management Practices Manual.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

There was no report.

Mayor Woodards provided information on Bike Month.

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Beale and Thoms

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk