



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

March 21, 2017

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee
and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Lonergan

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Campbell.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [17-0261](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, August 10, 2016.
2. [17-0262](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, September 14, 2016.
3. [17-0263](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, October 12, 2016.
4. [17-0264](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, October 26, 2016.
5. [17-0254](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, February 15, 2017.
6. [17-0282](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, February 8, 2017.
7. [17-0279](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, February 13, 2017.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. [17-0284](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, February 7, 2017.
9. [17-0173](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, planning work session, January 27, 2017.
10. [17-0184](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, January 31, 2017.
11. [17-0187](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, February 7, 2017.
12. [17-0198](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, February 14, 2017.
13. [17-0287](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, February 21, 2017.
14. [17-0300](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, February 28, 2017.
15. [17-0301](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, March 7, 2017.

RESOLUTIONS

16. [RES39673](#) A resolution accepting 14 grants from the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board, Highway Safety Improvement Program, Puget Sound Regional Council, Washington State Department of Transportation, and the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board, in the total amount of \$25,296,455, depositing said sum into various Capital Project funds, for various Public Works projects, including roadways, pedestrian facilities, trails, bikeways, signal/crossing upgrades, and the Sound Transit Tacoma Link Extension Project.
[Chris E. Larson, P.E., Engineering Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

17. [ORD28418](#) An ordinance vacating a sub-surface portion of Court E, lying between South 13th and South 15th Streets, to accommodate an existing building wall.
(Alma Mater, LLC; File No. 124.1375)
[Phyllis K. Macleod, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39673, and first reading of Ordinance No. 28418.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28418.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Lonergan

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39673 and setting Ordinance No. 28418 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Lonergan

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 18. [17-0296](#) Recognition for the late Columbia Bank CEO Melanie Dressel.

Mayor Strickland presented a recognition to Mr. Bob and Rob Dressel for the late Columbia Bank CEO Melanie Dressel.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance No. 28414 at this time.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Lonergan

ORD28414 An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, for two rate adjustments effective April 1, 2017 and April 1, 2018, and approving changes to the Power Electric Rates and Financial Policy.
[Bill Berry, Power Rates, Planning, and Analysis Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to remove Ordinance No. 28414 from the agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to remove Ordinance No. 28414. The motion was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Lonergan

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:16 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. David Bluhm, Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39685.
2. Steve Rhoades, Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39685.
3. Judt Shrode, Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28413.
4. Sean O'Leary, NWEC, speaking on Resolution No. 39685.
5. Ron Morrison, Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28413.
6. Gabe Symer, Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28413.
7. Devon Baldwin, Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28413.
8. Todd Hay, Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28413.
9. Marilyn Kimmerling, Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28413.
10. Alison Baur, Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39685.
11. Lynnette Shureb, Lakewood, speaking on Ordinance No. 28413.
12. Donna Walters, Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28413.
13. Claudia Riedener, Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28413.
14. Chrissy Cooley, 3019 South 7th Street, speaking on Resolution No. 39685.
15. Britt McGrath, Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39685.
16. David Schroedel, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, speaking on Ordinance No. 28420.

Public Comment ended at 5:51 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

19. [RES39674](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, Acting City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39674.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Campbell and Lonergan

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

20. [RES39675](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Puget Paving & Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$3,025.00, plus sales tax, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a total of \$3,478.75, and Tucci & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$147,402.00, plus sales tax, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a total of \$169,512.30, for one-year periods, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods, for projected contract totals of \$17,393.75 and \$847,561.50, respectively, for a total of \$864,955.25, budgeted from the Street Fund and the Streets Initiative Fund, for asphalt pre-coated crushed screening materials - Specification No. PW17-0017F.
[Rae Bailey, Street Operations Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39675.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Campbell and Lonergan

21. [RES39676](#) A resolution awarding a contract to SAP Public Services, Inc., in the amount of \$471,192, less a credit of \$75,000, plus sales tax, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a total of \$443,311, budgeted from the Information Systems Fund, for professional services to upgrade the City's SAP system to the SAP HANA technology platform - SAP Master Services Agreement.
[Kathy Vaughan, Information Technology Manager; Jack Kelanic, Director, Information Technology]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39676.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Campbell and Lonergan

22. [RES39677](#) A resolution awarding a contract to World Wide Technology, Inc., in the amount of \$818,590, including sales tax, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a total of \$900,449, budgeted from the Information Systems Fund, for equipment and related installation services in support of the City's SAP system upgrade to the SAP HANA computing platform - various agreements, Washington State No. 05815-004.
[Kathy Vaughan, Information Technology Manager; Jack Kelanic, Director, Information Technology]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39677.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Campbell and Lonergan

23. [RES39678](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Northwest Cascade, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$145,000.00, excluding sales tax, for a total of \$1,310,803.88, budgeted from the Streets Initiative Fund and the Wastewater Fund, for the Stormwater Sewer Extension Project and the Wastewater Sewer Replacement Project - Specification No. ES16-0061F.
[Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Science and Engineering Division Manager;
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39678.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Campbell and Lonergan

24. [RES39679](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Albina Holdings, Inc., in the amount of \$900,000, plus sales tax, for a total of \$1,900,000, budgeted from the Streets Initiative Fund and the Street Fund, for asphalt oil used for surface treatments through August 17, 2019 - State of Washington Contract No. 01211.
[Rae Bailey, Street Operations Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39679.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Campbell and Lonergan

25. [RES39680](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with BCRA, Inc., in the amount of \$84,891.58, sales tax not applicable, for a total of \$793,011.28, budgeted from the Paths and Trails Fund, for Prairie Line Trail design and construction support - Specification No. PW13-0048F.
[Chris Storey, Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39680.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Campbell and Lonergan

26. [RES39681](#) A resolution ratifying and authorizing an increase to the contract with Verizon Wireless, in the amount of \$4,000,000, plus sales tax, for a total of \$7,400,000, budgeted from various departmental funds, for Citywide cell phone airtime and wireless data services and related equipment purchases, retroactive to October 4, 2016, through June 30, 2019 - Washington State Department of Enterprise Services NASPO Contract No. 06012.
[Patsy Best, Procurement and Payables Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39681.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Campbell and Lonergan

RESOLUTIONS

27. [RES39682](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement (Funding Agreement) with Sound Transit, relating to the Joint City and Sound Transit Tacoma Link Expansion Project for light rail, and establishing the framework for the City's funding obligation for the Tacoma Link Expansion Project.
[Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39682.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Campbell and Lonergan

28. [RES39683](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with South Sound Outreach Services, d.b.a. Sound Outreach, in the amount of \$331,876, budgeted from the Tacoma Training and Employment Program Fund, for case management and other supportive services, retroactive to January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2018.
[Christopher Wright, Contract and Program Auditor; Nadia Chandler Hardy, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39683.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Campbell and Lonergan

29. [RES39684](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 3 to the agreement with Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company, in the amount of \$100,000, budgeted from the Internal Service Fund, for a maximum contract amount of \$275,000, for continued evaluation of the City's current pension system, through December 31, 2019.
[Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39684.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Campbell and Lonergan

30. [RES39685](#) A resolution requesting the Public Utility Board to initiate and approve proposed power rates that do not impose the entire potential rate increase into the customer charge for the residential and small general service rate classes, and instead propose an alternative that also increases the energy and demand charges to meet the utility revenue needs for these rate classes.
[Council Member Mello]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39685.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 6 - Blocker, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Nays: 1 - McCarthy

Absent: 2 - Campbell and Lonergan

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

31. [ORD28413](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to Water - Regulations and Rates, for two rate adjustments effective April 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018, and approving changes to the Water Rates and Financial Policy.
[Sean Senescall, Rates and Financial Planning Manager; Linda McCrea, Water Superintendent]

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

Ayes: 6 - Blocker, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Nays: 1 - Thoms

Absent: 2 - Campbell and Lonergan

32. [ORD28414](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, for two rate adjustments effective April 1, 2017 and April 1, 2018, and approving changes to the Power Electric Rates and Financial Policy.
[Bill Berry, Power Rates, Planning, and Analysis Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28414 was considered and removed from the agenda earlier in the meeting.

33. [ORD28415](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.01 of the Municipal Code, relating to Utility Charges, to clarify the authority of the Environmental Services and Public Utilities Directors to grant waivers and adjust late fees and charges.
[Bill Berry, Power Rates, Planning, and Analysis Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Campbell and Lonergan

34. [ORD28416](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.100 of the Municipal Code, relating to Utilities Gross Earnings Tax - Public Utilities, to clarify that all street lighting rates and charges are deductible from the Gross Earnings Tax, and to eliminate the deduction from the Gross Earnings Tax for power sold to contract industrial customers when the rate collected is above the contract industrial rate in Chapter 12.06.
[Bill Berry, Power Rates, Planning, and Analysis Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Campbell and Lonergan

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

35. [ORD28419](#) An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 26749 which granted Sound Transit a non-exclusive Right of Use Agreement to construct, operate, own and maintain a passenger rail system within the City; to provide for the expansion of the Right-of-Way Area to include the proposed location of the Link Light Rail Expansion and related amendments; and establishing an effective date.
[Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28419 was set over for final reading on April 11, 2017.

36. [ORD28420](#) An ordinance continuing the downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA) for the 30th year, providing for the levy of assessments and other income, in the amount of \$857,784; and approving the renewed BIA work plan and budget, and assessment of rates from May 1, 2017, through April 30, 2018.
[Debbie Bingham, Economic Development Specialist; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28420 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Interim City Manager Elizabeth Pauli gave an update regarding the liquefied natural gas facility and the request for a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, noting a report was provided to the Council in the City Manager's weekly report and the frequently asked questions on the City's website has been updated.

Citizens' Forum began at 6:38 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jessica Tomkins, 2538 South Sheridan Avenue, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
2. Gabe Symer, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
3. Devon Baldwin, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
4. Sarah Morken, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
5. Rebecca Parson, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
6. Jose Garcia, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
7. James Rideout, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
8. Judt Shrode, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
9. Steven Storms, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
10. Jeremiah Melson, Tacoma, speaking on homelessness.
11. Kenneth Moultry, Tacoma, speaking on homelessness.
12. Al Ratcliffe, Tacoma, speaking on homelessness.
13. Ron Morrison, Proctor Street, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
14. Nanette Reetz, Northeast Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
15. David Bluhm, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
16. Todd Hay, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
17. Marilyn Kimmerling, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
18. Kyle Jolibois, 4th and Broadway, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
19. Peter Keay, JGKMW Tacoma, speaking on Ruston railway crossing.
20. Tracy Wiegman, JGKMW Tacoma, speaking on Ruston railway crossing.
21. Luis Alonzo, Tacoma, speaking on public transit.
22. Donna Walters, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
23. Melissa Hubbard, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
24. Laura Woodruff, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
25. Bridgette Woodruff, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
26. Mel Berglund, Northeast Tacoma, speaking on Hylebos and liquefied natural gas.
27. Benita Moore, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
28. Susan Ryan, 3017 North 13th Street, speaking on Tacoma Public Utilities, liquefied natural gas, and Planning Department rezone.
29. Claudia Riedener, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
30. Philip Pinette, Tacoma, speaking on Ruston railway crossing.
31. Babs Pinette, Tacoma, speaking on Ruston railway crossing.

- 32. Roxy Murray, Tacoma, speaking on water/environment.
- 33. Shirley Low, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
- 34. Marty Jackson, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
- 35. Neal Rogers, Tacoma, speaking on housing stability.
- 36. Emily Valdez, Brown's Point, speaking on liquefied natural gas.

Citizens' Forum ended at 8:19 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Mello provided information on the discussion held at today's study session regarding appropriate uses of the Port area, noting this is a manufacturing and industrial area and the City wants to protect the jobs in a way that is appropriate for the surrounding land uses while being mindful to the businesses and community. He noted the City will be engaging in this dialogue over the next several months.

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MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to excuse Council Member Lonergan from the meeting tonight.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - Campbell and Lonergan

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk