



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

October 01, 2019

5:00 PM

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka  
and Mayor Woodards

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Ushka.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [19-1049](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, September 10, 2019.

## CONSENT AGENDA

2. [19-1046](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, September 17, 2019.
3. [19-1065](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole special meeting, August 13, 2019.
4. [19-1066](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole special meeting, August 27, 2019.
5. [19-1050](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole special meeting, September 10, 2019.
6. [19-1067](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole special meeting, September 24, 2019.

## RESOLUTIONS

7.        [RES40436](#)     A resolution setting Thursday, November 7, 2019, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate the west 14 feet of North Pine Street, lying between the southerly line of North 29th Street and the eastern extension of the northerly line of North 28th Street Alley, to facilitate future development.  
(John and Miyon Kautz; File No. 124.1398)  
[Teague Pasco, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

8.        [ORD28616](#)     An ordinance vacating the east 12 feet of Fawcett Avenue, lying between the southerly line of South 21st Street and the northerly line of South 23rd Street, to facilitate site improvements and future development.  
(North American Asset Management Group, LLC; File No. 124.1397)  
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40436 and first reading of Ordinance No. 28616.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28616.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40436 and setting Ordinance No. 28616 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 10. [19-1061](#) Proclaiming October 2019 as Italian American Heritage and Culture Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 2019 as Italian American Heritage and Culture Month and presented the proclamation to Ms. Janice Stauffer, President, Sons of Italy.

- 11. [19-1063](#) Proclaiming October 2019 as National Community Planning Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 2019 as National Community Planning Month and presented the proclamation to Mr. Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services.

- 9. [19-1062](#) Proclaiming October 2019 as Walk and Roll to School Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 2019 as Walk and Roll to School Month and presented the proclamation to Mr. Herna Tamaalii, Vice President, Blix Elementary Booster Club, and Joni Hall, Principal, Blix Elementary.

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 12, Resolution No. 40437, regarding the renaming of the 34th Street Bridge to “Harold G. Moss Bridge” at this time.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

[RES40437](#)

A resolution renaming the 34th Street Bridge, spanning State Route 7 between East “B” Street and East “D” Street, to “Harold G. Moss Bridge,” so that the lights on the bridge may stand as a shining monument to the ways that Tacoma is brighter today due to the leadership and countless contributions of Mayor Moss, and so that others may be inspired to lives of service and civic engagement.

[Mayor Woodards and Council Members Blocker and Ushka]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40437.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.**

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Bill Baarsma, former Mayor.
2. Dr. Dolores Silas, former Council Member.
3. Jim Walton, former City Manager.
4. Frank Boykin.
5. Harold G. Moss, former Mayor.

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:50 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Megan Capes, Tacoma Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) and Tacoma Tenants Organizing Committee (TTOC), speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
2. Zack Pattin, Tacoma DSA, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
3. Megan Little, Tacoma DSA, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
4. Brian Skiffington, 2315 South Ash Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
5. Maureen Howard, 3320 South 8th Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
6. Sarah Howe, TTOC, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
7. Carl Anderson, TTOC, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
8. Nichole Crockett, 4819 North McBride Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
9. Hillel Samlan, Tacoma DSA, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
10. Greg Walker, 915 South Ridgewood Avenue, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.

11. Joseph Atkinson, 5201 South Orchard Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
12. Roseanna Hopper, TTOC, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
13. Nikie Walters, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
14. Pastor John, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
15. Patricia Sully, 2141 South “M” Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
16. Rosemary Powers, 1418 South “G” Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
17. Kyle Jolibois, 431 Broadway, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
18. Sean Arent, Associated Students of University of Washington Tacoma (ASUWT), speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
19. John Carlton, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
20. Kelly Blucher, Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
21. Holly Rydel Kelly, 910 South “M” Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
22. Ryan Speier, 242 East 60th Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
23. Eric Dobsa, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
24. Jamie Hill, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
25. John Guillory, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
26. Alec Brisson, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
27. Valentine Smith, Human Services Commission, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
28. Alex Scheel, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
29. Coley Wiley, Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
30. Michael Yoder, Associated Ministries, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
31. Dr. Eric Jackson, Bethlehem Baptist Church, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
32. Melissa Dunbar, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
33. Jenelle Walter, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
34. Paul Crandoll, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
35. Claudia Riedener, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.
36. Pamela Duncan, Metropolitan Development Council, speaking on Ordinance No. 28615.

Public Comment ended at 7:07 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

12. [RES40437](#) A resolution renaming the 34th Street Bridge, spanning State Route 7 between East “B” Street and East “D” Street, to “Harold G. Moss Bridge,” so that the lights on the bridge may stand as a shining monument to the ways that Tacoma is brighter today due to the leadership and countless contributions of Mayor Moss, and so that others may be inspired to lives of service and civic engagement.  
[Mayor Woodards and Council Members Blocker and Ushka]

Resolution No. 40437 was considered earlier in the meeting.

13. [RES40438](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Fire Fighters Union, Local 31, regarding unused sick leave accruals upon retirement.  
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40438.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

14. [RES40439](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with District Lodge No. 160, on behalf of Local Lodge No. 297 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, General Unit, to provide developmental opportunity.  
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40439.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

15. [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: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28614. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

16. [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]

**MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to amend Ordinance No. 28615, to set December 1, 2019, as the effective date for the amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code section 8.27.210, relating to no structures in the parks.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Amended Ordinance No. 28615. The Amended Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

**Nays:** 1 - Beale

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

17. [ORD28617](#) 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 the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Local 160, General Unit, and changes in classification to create the classified title of Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance Technician.

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

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28617 was set over for final reading next week.**



18. [ORD28618](#) An ordinance amending Title 9 of the Municipal Code, relating to Public Ways, to repeal Chapter 9.30 in its entirety, relating to Fourth of July Concessions, to allow flexibility in the siting of a Fourth of July celebration.  
[Kim Bedier, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28618 was set over for final reading next week.**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

19. [19-0999](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the potential reauthorization and extension of the Tideflats Interim Regulations.  
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

The public hearing began at 7:41 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. James Rideout, Puyallup Tribal Council.
2. Dakota Case, Puyallup Tribe of Indians.
3. Mark Wells, United Association Local 26.
4. Melissa Malott, Citizens for a Healthy Bay (CHB).
5. Evette Mason, Port of Tacoma.
6. Barbara Church, 6402 1st Street Court Northeast.
7. Kyle Smith-Doolittle, resident.
8. Sylvia Wood, 13305 129th Street East, Puyallup.
9. Judy Olsen, Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility (WPSR).
10. Sarah Cornett, WPSR.
11. Meredith Neal, Manufacturing Industrial Council for the South Sound.
12. David McInturff, Washington Conservation Voters.
13. Carol Kindt, 350 Tacoma.
14. Kyle Jolibois, 431 Broadway.
15. Jared Faker, International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 23.
16. Nikie Walters, resident.
17. Victoria Leistman, Sierra Club.
18. Anna Doty, Washington Environmental Council.
19. Sean Arent, ASUWT.
20. Cathy Carruthers, 5914 South Park Avenue.
21. Elly McGahan, resident.
22. John Carlton, resident.
23. Claudia Riedener, resident.
24. Nanette Reetz, resident.
25. Tony Ivey, Washington Environmental Council.
26. Todd Hay, Sustainable Tacoma Commission.

27. Rachel Haxtema, Earth Ministry.
28. Rebecca Stith, CHB.
29. Kathy Lawhon, 1114 South 11th Street.
30. Stacy Oaks, 350 Seattle.
31. Marlene Crumpton, 4515 South "D" Street.
32. Ron Morrison, 2405 North Stevens Street.
33. William Golding, 246 South Stadium Way.
34. Marilyn Kimmerling, 4414 North 34th Street.
35. Carole Sue Braaten, 2410 Berry Lane East.
36. Nola Thury, resident.
37. Ken Zirinsky, resident.
38. Chrissy Cooley, resident.

The public hearing ended at 9:14 p.m.

### **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

There was no report.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk