



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

March 25, 2014

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

FLAG SALUTE

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Boe.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. **14-0216** Minutes of the City Events and Recognitions Committee, December 23, 2013.
2. **14-0217** Minutes of the City Events and Recognitions Committee, December 30, 2013.
3. **14-0218** Minutes of the City Events and Recognitions Committee, January 30, 2014.
4. **14-0219** Minutes of the City Events and Recognitions Committee, February 24, 2014.
5. **14-0204** Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, February 11, 2014.
6. **14-0211** Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, September 25, 2013.
7. **14-0212** Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, October 9, 2013.
8. **14-0228** Minutes of the Neighborhoods and Housing Committee, March 3, 2014.

9. **14-0208** Minutes of the Public Utility Board Study Session, January 29, 2014.
10. **14-0209** Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, January 29, 2014.
11. **14-0213** Minutes of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority,
February 27, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

12. **14-0202** Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 4, 2014.
13. **14-0203** Minutes of the City Council meeting of February 4, 2014.

RESOLUTIONS

14. **RES38865** A resolution setting Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at approximately 5:30 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed declaration of surplus and sale of a .45-acre parcel of Tacoma Water property near the intersection of State Highway 165 and Ryan Road in Buckley, Washington, to the City of Buckley.
[Gloria Fletcher, Senior Real Estate Officer; Linda McCrea, Superintendent, Tacoma Water]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt the consent agenda, including Resolution No. 38865.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 38865, was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. **14-0229** Proclaiming March 27, 2014 as Tacoma Historical Society Day.
Mayor Strickland proclaimed March 27, 2014 as Tacoma Historical Society Day and presented the proclamation to Mr. Bill Baarsma, President of the Tacoma Historical Society and Mr. Dale R. Wirsing, Vice President.
16. **14-0230** Recognizing the First Quarter 2014 Human Rights Champion Award recipient.
Mayor Strickland recognized Mr. John Wallace of the Human Rights Commission, and Mr. Don Curtis, award recipient.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:18 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

1. Mary Byrne, 3838 South Tacoma Way, speaking on Resolution No. 38867.
2. Mo Acibadi, 7838 South Tacoma Way, speaking on Resolution No. 38867.
3. Gary Gilchrist, South Tacoma Business District, speaking on Resolution No. 38867.
4. Karen Rich, 5424 South Tacoma Way, speaking on Resolution No. 38867.
5. Pete Briston, 4731 S. Washington Street, speaking on Resolution No. 38867.

Public comment ended at 5:24 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

17. **RES38866** A resolution awarding a contract to Rodarte Construction, Inc., on its bid of \$1,304,944.40, including sales tax, plus a 20 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$1,565,933.28, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, for the A Street Storm Sewer Replacement and Retrofit Project located in the vicinity of A Street from South 10th to South 12th Streets - Specification No. ES13-0187F.
[Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38866.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

RESOLUTIONS

- 18. RES38867** A resolution designating South Tacoma Way, between South 37th and South 80th Streets, as a commercial district to be known as “Tacoma’s Auto Row”, allowing the auto dealers the ability to submit applications to the Washington State Department of Transportation for display of directional signage on Interstate 5.
[Shari Hart, Program Development Specialist; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38867.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried, with Council Member Boe recusing himself. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Ayes: 7 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

Recused: 1 - Boe

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

No Report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Lonergan stated the Government Performance and Finance Committee recently heard and forwarded recommendations on proposed changes to Title 6 of the Municipal Code to clean up Tax and Licensing language and to approve the renewal of a Telecom Franchise Agreement. He stated they also heard presentations on water wholesale rates and ways to be competitive throughout the region, and efforts to optimize SAP software; and conducted 2014 work planning. He stated they are scheduled to hear updates on Tacoma 24/7 and budget book performance measures at the next meeting.

Council Member Boe stated Tacoma Art Month will move to October this year. He then announced the following upcoming events: the Hilltop Artists Arts Connect Winter Showcase at Wilson High School on March 26, 2014; and Man of La Mancha at Tacoma Musical Playhouse through April 6, 2014.

Deputy Mayor Woodards announced the last film, Girls Rising, of the Women's History month films at the University of Washington-Tacoma this Friday at 6:00 p.m. She stated the film is free and open to the public and a hosted conversation will follow the film.

Council Member Campbell shared information on the City's Pedestrian Crossings Improvement Project. He stated the meeting for District 4 is at Blix Elementary School on March 26, 2014. He then reminded everyone about the grand opening of the Swan Creek mountain bike trail on Saturday, March 29, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Council Member Mello announced a Charter Review Committee public hearing occurring on April 9, 2014 in the Council Chambers, where citizens are invited to comment on the governance of Tacoma. He then presented a ceremonial crowbar to Mayor Strickland in honor of the depaving project at the intersection of Division and Sprague. Mayor Strickland thanked the volunteers and partner agencies that worked on the depaving project. She then reiterated Council Member Mello's invitation to all citizens to participate in the Charter Review process.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to excuse Council Member Walker from tonight's meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk