



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

**March 03, 2015**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Ibsen.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [15-0204](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, February 10, 2015.
2. [15-0178](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, February 12, 2014.
3. [15-0179](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, February 26, 2014.
4. [15-0176](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, March 26, 2014.
5. [15-0180](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, May 14, 2014.
6. [15-0177](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, May 28, 2014.
7. [15-0184](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, February 4, 2015.
8. [15-0117](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, January 22, 2015.

## CONSENT AGENDA

9. [15-0206](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of October 21, 2014.
10. [15-0207](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting of December 9, 2014.
11. [15-0208](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting of December 16, 2014.

## RESOLUTIONS

12. [RES39129](#) A resolution setting Thursday, April 9, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate the east 35 feet of East L Street between East 52nd and East 54th Streets for a 37 residential plat development called Heritage Gardens. (CFW, LLC; File No. 124.1342)  
[Ronda Cornforth, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39129.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39129, was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. [15-0205](#) Proclaiming March 2015 as Women's History Month in the City of Tacoma.  
  
Mayor Strickland proclaimed March 2015 as Women's History Month in the City of Tacoma and presented the proclamation to Bernie Bell, District 1 Director of Soroptimist International, and Stephanie Sacks, Clinical Director of Rebuilding Hope! Pierce County Sexual Assault Center.
14. [15-0212](#) Presentation of Tacoma Public Utilities' Conservation Incentives.  
  
Ted Coates, Superintendent, Tacoma Power, presented a check for \$333,268 to the City Council for the Tacoma Public Utilities' conservation incentives.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:11 p.m.

No speakers came forward to address the Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:12 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

15. [RES39130](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Scherer Trucking & Excavation Inc., in the amount of \$256,080.01, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$294,492.01, excluding sales tax, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, to provide necessary ventilation improvements at the North End Treatment Plant - Specification No. ES14-0553F.  
[Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39130.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

16. [RES39131](#) A resolution awarding a contract to U.S. Oil Trading, LLC, in the amount of \$327,500, plus sales tax, budgeted from the Asphalt Plant Fund, for the purchase of Bulk Asphalt Oils, for an initial contract period of March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2016, with the option to extend for four additional one-year periods, for a projected contracted total of \$1,637,500 - Specification No. PW14-0754F.  
[Rae Bailey, Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39131.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

17. [ORD28284](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.110 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Property Tax Exemptions for Multi-Family Housing Code, to align with City priorities and state law, and clarify requirements regarding vacancy and displacement issues for occupied structures that are to be rehabilitated or developed.  
[Debbie Bingham, Program Development Specialist; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28284. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

18. [ORD28285](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to electric energy regulations and rates, to adjust rates for services provided by Tacoma Power, effective April 1, 2015.  
[Bill Berry, Rates, Planning, and Analysis Manager; Ted Coates, Power Superintendent]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28285 was set over for final reading on March 17, 2015.**

19. [ORD28286](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to water regulations and rates, to provide for two rate adjustments for water services provided by Tacoma Water, effective April 1, 2015 and January 1, 2016.  
[Sean Senescall, Rates and Financial Planning Manager; Linda McCrea, Water Superintendent]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28286 was set over for final reading on March 17, 2015.**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

**COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Mello stated on January 14, 2015, the Committee received an update on the Historic Water Ditch Trail, and heard a briefing from Planning and Development on the second phase of the Land Use Designations update. He then stated on January 28, 2015, the Committee heard briefings on the proposed scope of work and planned outreach for the Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan, and the updated City of Tacoma Design Manual; elected officers for 2015; and approved the Committee’s 2014 End-of-Year Report. Council Member Mello noted the February 11, 2015 meeting included presentations from Metro Parks Tacoma on the Development Regulation Agreement process, and from Environmental Services on the results from two pilot incentive programs for Low Impact Development, the Rain Garden Rebate and Adopt-A-Rain Garden. He then stated the February 25, 2015 meeting included an update on the progress of the Tacoma Transportation Master Plan, and a presentation from Environmental Services on the establishment of a rate structure for collection of commercial yard and food waste. Council Member Mello concluded by noting the next Committee meeting will be held on March 11, 2015, and includes an update on Land Use Designations for the 2015 Comprehensive Plan.

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Council Member Woodards provided information for several events in honor of Women’s History Month, including the Weaving the Stories of Women’s Lives event, which includes a showing of The Long Night followed by a panel discussion hosted by the University of Washington-Tacoma, and recognition of women in the community; the Fund for Women and Girls of Pierce County annual luncheon; and a march over the 11th Street bridge in honor of the the 50th anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery voting rights march.

Council Member Walker stated she will be attending the march from Selma to Montgomery and will attend workshops at the event, noting she is excited to report back at the next Council meeting.

Deputy Mayor Boe provided information on several events in Tacoma, including the Tacoma Art Museum's exhibition titled Eloquent Objects: Georgia O'Keeffe and Still-Life Art in New Mexico, and the Sister Cities International Film Festival at the University of Puget Sound.

Council Member Mello provided information on the Eighth Annual South Sound Sustainability Expo at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center.

Council Member Thoms thanked Navy reservists for their service and stated today is the 100th Anniversary of the United States Navy Reserve.

Mayor Strickland stated the City Council study session and business meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, have been cancelled, noting the next regularly scheduled study session and Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

Council Member Lonergan stated Citizens' Forum will also be held on March 17, 2015.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk