



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

February 17, 2015

5:00 PM

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mello

Council Member Walker participated telephonically.

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Deputy Mayor Boe.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [15-0146](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, January 27, 2015.
2. [15-0153](#) List of names and comments of citizens petitioning the Council regarding The News Tribune's advertisements wrapped in plastic.

## CONSENT AGENDA

3. [15-0145](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting of December 2, 2014.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mello

## **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:07 p.m.

No one came forward to address the Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:08 p.m.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Emma Cruz v. City of Tacoma; Feld Entertainment, Inc.; Staff Pro, Inc., Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 14-2-05330-0, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$35,000.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mello

## **PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS**

4. [RES39115](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Fire Training Structures, LLC, in the amount of \$409,995, plus sales tax, budgeted from the Fire Grant Fund, to supply, deliver, and assemble one Live-Fire Training Simulator at the Tacoma Fire Training Center - Specification No. FD14-0649F.  
[Roger Edington, Assistant Fire Chief; James P. Duggan, Fire Chief]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39115.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mello

## RESOLUTIONS

5. [RES39116](#) A resolution authorizing the City's membership in the Welcoming Cities and Counties Initiative, which encourages communities to create more welcoming, immigrant-friendly environments that maximize opportunities for economic growth and cultural vitality.  
[Diane Powers, Office of Equity and Human Rights Director;  
T.C. Broadnax, City Manager]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39116.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mello

6. [RES39117](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce Transit, in the amount of \$384,976.20, budgeted from the General Fund, for the purchase of One Regional Card for All (ORCA) business cards, and other ORCA services as part of the Commute Trip Reduction Program for 2015.  
[Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39117.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mello

7. [RES39118](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Water Pollution Control Unit, which consists of 57 full-time equivalent positions, and provides for a wage increase of 2.2 percent, effective retroactive to January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2017.  
[Robin Koch, Labor Relations Manager; Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39118.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mello

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

8. [ORD28280](#) 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 Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Clerical and Supervisors' Units.  
[Tara Schaak, Labor Negotiator; Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28280. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mello

9. [ORD28281](#) An amended ordinance amending Title 13 of the Municipal Code, entitled "Land Use Regulatory Code," to establish permanent land use regulations concerning the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana; superseding interim regulations enacted pursuant to Substitute Ordinance No. 28182.  
[Elliott Barnett, Associate Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Amended Ordinance No. 28281.**

**The Amended Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mello

## **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

10. [ORD28282](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement changes negotiated with the Tacoma Joint Labor Committee regarding vacation leave and holiday pay, and rates of pay and compensation for employees represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Water Pollution Control Unit.  
[Robin Koch, Labor Relations Manager; Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28282 was set over for final reading next week.**

11. [ORD28283](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.24 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Personnel Rules, to incorporate gender-neutral terminology and update City titles, policies, practices, and procedures, as approved by the Civil Service Board.  
[Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28283 was set over for final reading next week.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated the Department of Ecology's Water Quality Program announced availability of the State Fiscal Year 2016 Draft Funding Offer List and Intended Use Plan for public review and comment last Thursday, February 11, 2015. He noted the draft list describes how the Department of Ecology plans to use state and federal dollars to fund projects focused on improving water quality across the state.

He then announced the City received \$5 million in storm water financial assistance funding, which is the maximum allowed per municipality. He noted this is another example of how Tacoma and the Center for Urban Waters are on the forefront of innovative proposals for water quality and setting the example for the entire country on how green infrastructure can be integrated into the community sustainably.

Mr. Broadnax stated there were six projects funded, including the South Tacoma Way Business District, the Pearl Street Business District, the 40th Street Green Infrastructure project, the Madison and Monroe Permeable Neighborhood project, the Bennett Street Pervious project, and the Prairie Line Trail Treatment Retrofit project. He thanked the team of engineers and environmental scientists at Urban Waters for their hard work in securing these moneys to be spent improving water quality in the City, while providing clear economic benefits to the construction community.

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

### **Economic Development Committee**

Council Member Campbell, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, stated on December 9, 2014, the Committee received an update on the Urban Waters Innovation Partnership Zone from the Economic Development Board, University of Washington-Tacoma, Washington State University, and the Community and Economic Development and Environmental Services departments; an update on disposition of Tier 1 properties; and the results of testing that was done with the material that can potentially be used for the Warhol flower on the Tacoma Dome roof. He then stated on January 13, 2015, the Committee reviewed the end-of-year report for the Committee that provided a breakdown of briefings, requests for action, and appointments. Chair Campbell noted on January 27, 2015, staff from the Community and Economic Development department, Port Commissioner Clare Petrich, and community members provided a proposal to adopt Hvar, Croatia as a new sister city, which the Committee voted to forward the proposal to the full council for consideration given the long-standing history of the Croatian population in Tacoma. He then noted on February 10, 2015, the Committee discussed recent activities of the City Events and Recognitions Committee, and the role the Committee plays in planning future events. He added the next meeting will be February 24, 2015, and will include an update from the Foss Waterway Development Authority, and a report on the economic indicators for the fourth quarter of 2014.

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Deputy Mayor Boe provided information on a number of performing arts events in Tacoma this weekend, including the Tacoma Musical Playhouse Family Theater, the Tacoma Youth Symphony Young Artists Orchestra, the Three Divas by the Northwest Sinfonietta at the Rialto Theater, the Grand Cinema Academy Awards Party at the Theatre on the Square, and the Brahms Violin Concerto at the Rialto Theater.

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

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mello

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk