



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

June 20, 2017

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - McCarthy and Mello

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Walker Lee.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [17-0605](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, May 17, 2017.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. [17-0604](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, April 25, 2017.
3. [17-0540](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, May 2, 2017.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

4. [ORD28426](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of the air rights of Court E, lying between South 15th and South 17th Streets, for balconies in an apartment development. (Napoleon Group, LLC; File No. 124.1376)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Ordinance No. 28426.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - McCarthy and Mello

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:07 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Bob Miller, 3511 East J Street, speaking on Resolution No. 39749.
2. Phil Watson, Firearms Policy Coalition, speaking on Ordinance No. 28433.

Public Comment ended at 5:10 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

5. [RES39748](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Griffin & Strong, P.C., in the amount of \$313,005, sales tax not applicable, budgeted from the Small Business Enterprise Fund, for the completion of a Disparity Study, which will review the City of Tacoma projects, contracts, goods and services over the past five years - Specification No. ED17-0042F.
[Keith Armstrong, Supervisor; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39748.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - McCarthy and Mello

RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES39749](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Tacoma Community House/REACH Center, in the amount of \$308,375, budgeted from the Neighborhood and Community Services Special Revenue Fund, for services related to Summer Jobs 253, retroactive to April 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017.
[Pamela Duncan, Human Services Division Manager; Linda Stewart, Interim Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39749.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - McCarthy and Mello

7. [RES39750](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, in the amount of \$700,000, budgeted from the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Fund, to assist with the development of a Youth Crisis Residential Center.
[Pamela Duncan, Human Services Division Manager; Linda Stewart, Interim Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39750.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

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

Absent: 3 - Campbell, McCarthy and Mello

8. [RES39751](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Quit Claim Deed to convey 1120 and 1124 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, to the Tacoma Housing Authority.
[Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39751.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - McCarthy and Mello

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

9. [ORD28433](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 8.66 of the Municipal Code, relating to Weapons, to decriminalize the sale, manufacture, purchase, possession, or carrying of any electroshock device in the City.
[Keith Echterling, Assistant City Attorney; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28433 was set over for final reading next week.

10. [ORD28434](#) An ordinance adopting the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amended for the years 2016-2017 and 2018-2023. [Jennifer Kammerzell, Senior Engineer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28434 was set over for final reading next week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

11. [17-0585](#) William T. Lynn representing the appellant David Smith appealing the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of the alley between East 28th and East 29th Streets, between Portland Avenue and East R Street, abutting and adjacent to Puyallup Tribal property, for a new multi-level garage structure, casino, hotel, and restaurant. (Puyallup Tribe of Indians; File No. 124.1371) [Martha Lantz, Deputy City Attorney; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

The appeal began at 5:32 p.m.

Mayor Strickland stated it is the Council's intention that this hearing be fair in form and substance, as well as in appearance, and asked any Council Members who have a personal interest in this matter, have made statements that might be interpreted to suggest they have prejudged this matter, or have had any ex parte communications with the parties regarding this case, to disclose that at this time.

No Council Members made any disclosures.

Mayor Strickland called on William T. Lynn, representing appellant David Smith.

Mayor Strickland then called on John H. Bell, representing intervenor Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

Mayor Strickland then called on William T. Lynn for his rebuttal.

Mayor Strickland then called on Deputy City Attorney Martha Lantz, representing the City of Tacoma.

Mayor Strickland opened the appeal for questions from the City Council.

MOTION: Council Member Lonergan moved to convene to Closed Session in Room 148 pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(2) to deliberate on the appeal, not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - McCarthy and Mello

The Closed Session convened at 5:53 p.m. Deputy City Attorney Chris Bacha was present.

The Closed Session concluded and the City Council meeting reconvened at 6:08 p.m.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to concur in the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Hearing Examiner to deny the appeal and to request an ordinance reflecting the same.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - McCarthy and Mello

The appeal ended at 6:09 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Pauli reported on June 6, 2017, the City Council approved \$3.4 million in funding to support the City’s Temporary Emergency Aid and Shelter Plan and the allocation of these funds will support the implementation of two non-consecutive mitigation sites and one stability site through the end of this year. She stated the first mitigation site located at Portland and 18th Street is scheduled to begin transitioning individuals to the stability site on June 26, 2017, and the second mitigation site location has not been determined. She stated the stability site, which is located on City-owned property at 1423 Puyallup Avenue, will be operational on June 26, 2017, to provide an alternative location for individuals from the Portland and 18th Street mitigation site and other individuals experiencing homelessness. She then provided an update on the outreach efforts underway and stated staff has also set up a page that is accessible from the City’s website which provides information on the Temporary Emergency Aid and Shelter Plan, frequently asked questions regarding this effort, and weekly media updates.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Ibsen, Vice Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee, stated on May 10, 2017, the Committee received an update on the implementation of the Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance and the Environmental Services strategic plan. He reported on May 24, 2017, the Committee received an update on historic demolition review, and the Tacoma-Pierce County solid waste management plan and solid waste contract extension. Finally, he stated on June 14, 2017, staff presented the 2018 amendments and planning work program, as well as an update on the Foss Stormwater Sediment program, and the Committee selected Colin McCann to fill an opening on the Sustainable Tacoma Commission.

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Mayor Strickland stated the Community Council of Tacoma and the League of Women Voters will present candidate forums this week for multiple elections on June 22 and June 23, 2017, which will be replayed on TV Tacoma.

Council Member Lonergan provided information on a neighborhood cleanup for the Park Avenue, Pak Yak, Alling, and East Wapato areas on Saturday, June 24, 2017, at St. Anne’s Church, located at 7025 South Park Avenue, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to excuse Council Members McCarthy and Mello from tonight's meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 2 - McCarthy and Mello

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk