



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

January 08, 2019

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Council Member Ibsen participated telephonically.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Mello.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Reverend Edna Travis, one of Tacoma's first female pastors, and Mr. Dick Moe, who mentored staff at Pacific Lutheran University and served on the Metropolitan Parks Board.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [18-1511](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, November 8, 2018.
2. [18-1506](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, October 24, 2018.
3. [18-1507](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, October 24, 2018.

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MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to suspend the rules to add a Resolution, Resolution No. 40206, to tonight’s agenda as Item 12A, relating to Tacoma’s rejection of discrimination, bigotry, hatred, and violence 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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4. [19-0000](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 2, 2018.
- 5. [19-0001](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 9, 2018.
- 6. [19-0002](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 16, 2018.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

- 7. [ORD28564](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of North 30th Street, from the northwest intersection of North 30th Street and North Carr Street, abutting and adjacent to commercial property located at 2301 North 30th Street, to cure an encroachment of a portion of a building. (Connelly Family Properties, LLC; File No. 124.1392)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

- 8. [ORD28569](#) An ordinance vacating the west portion of South 1st Street, between South “G” Street and Tacoma Avenue South, to facilitate a new senior housing development. (5 South G LLC; File No. 124.1389)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Ordinance No. 28564 and first reading of Ordinance No. 28569.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28569.

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 final reading of Ordinance No. 28564 and setting Ordinance No. 28569 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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:17 p.m.

No one came forward to address the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:18 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

9. [RES40202](#) A resolution nominating and electing Council Member Conor McCarthy to the office of Deputy Mayor to serve a one-year term to expire December 31, 2019.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 40202.

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

Mayor Woodards presented a plaque to Council Member Ibsen to commemorate his time as Deputy Mayor.

10. [RES40203](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Citizen Police Advisory Committee.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40203.

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

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES40204](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Northwest Cascade Inc., in the amount of \$227,722.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a total of \$250,494.20, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for guardrail repairs and improvements - Specification No. PW18-0358N.
[Nick Correll, Engineer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40204.

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

RESOLUTIONS

12. [RES40205](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Glasshouse Two, LLC, for the development of 131 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 308 Tacoma Ave South in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Economic Development Specialist; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40205.

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

- 12A. [RES40206](#) A resolution reaffirming the City’s commitment to the principles of equity and inclusion, and will continue to defend, promote, and introduce policies and practices that seek to improve opportunities and quality of life for all residents, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, country of origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious beliefs.
[Council Member Beale]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40206.

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

13. [ORD28568](#) An ordinance amending the franchise granted to the Puyallup Tribe of Indians pursuant to Ordinance No. 27957, to expand the boundaries of the franchise to include private infrastructure within portions of East 29th, East 31st, East 32nd, East “R” Streets, and alley rights-of-way for the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Emerald Queen Casino Relocation Project.
[Ronda Cornforth, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28568. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Ibsen

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Citizens' Forum began at 5:32 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. James North, resident, speaking on homelessness.
2. Paul Chromey, resident, speaking on the South End.
3. Robin Friend, Marilyn Kimmerling, Elaine Nevins, Jo Scozzafava, and Joan Wallis, residents, speaking on the Northwest Detention Center.
4. Eric Anderson, Antique Row, speaking on First Night.
5. Carole Sue Braaten, 2410 Berry Lane East, Fife, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
6. Mitchell Shook, Advanced Stream, speaking on Click! Network.

Citizens' Forum ended at 5:54 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Thoms, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported at the meeting today, the Committee received presentations from the Pierce County Economic Development Department, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, and the Economic Development Board of the Greater Tacoma-Pierce County, to discuss partnerships and regional priorities. He concluded by stating the January 22, 2019 meeting has been cancelled, and the next meeting will be held on January 29, 2019.

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Council Member Hunter provided information regarding Click! Network cable television services, and thanked Tacoma Public Utilities' (TPU) staff for their level of service and professionalism.

Council Member Ushka provided information that federal employees who may not receive a paycheck due to the government shutdown may contact TPU and Environmental Services to discuss payment options.

Council Member Ushka also provided information on the Code Enforcement Division of the Neighborhood and Community Services Department, that staff has worked on closing 971 unassigned cases, and thanked staff for their work.

Council Member Ushka concluded by stating a community meeting will be held to discuss Sound Transit staging materials for the Hilltop Link expansion at 38th Street and Pacific Avenue, at the Eastside Community Center, on Saturday, January 12, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Woodards provided information on the ReLive NYE event held on New Year's Eve at Tollefson Plaza, and thanked Kim Archer for her help.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk