



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

**March 27, 2018**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

## SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR INTERIM COUNCIL MEMBER JUSTIN CAMARATA

Council Member Justin Camarata was sworn into office by  
City Clerk Doris Sorum.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and  
Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Hunter.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [18-0297](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, February 20, 2018.
2. [18-0298](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, March 6, 2018.
3. [18-0249](#) Minutes of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, July 11, 2017.
4. [18-0250](#) Minutes of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, August 8, 2017.
5. [18-0251](#) Minutes of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, September 12, 2017.

6. [18-0252](#) Minutes of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, September 19, 2017.
7. [18-0253](#) Minutes of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, October 17, 2017.
8. [18-0254](#) Minutes of the Transportation Commission, August 16, 2017.
9. [18-0255](#) Minutes of the Transportation Commission, September 20, 2017.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES39960](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at approximately 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea Plan and the Environmental Impact Statement, including adoption of the Subarea Plan, as recommended by the City Council Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee.  
[Elliott Barnett, Associate Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]
11. [RES39961](#) A resolution setting Thursday, May 3, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate segments of South C Street and South Tacoma Way, lying northerly and westerly of the improved portions of the rights-of-way currently enclosed in existing fencing, for parking and security for the adjacent business. (Chainring III, LLC; File No. 124.1387)  
[Ronda Cornforth, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]
12. [RES39962](#) A resolution accepting three grants from the Washington State Department of Transportation and the Puget Sound Regional Council, in the total amount of \$5,244,281, and depositing said sum into various Capital Project funds, for funding various Public Works projects, including pedestrian facilities, trails, bikeways, and pedestrian railroad crossings.  
[Chris E. Larson, P.E., Engineering Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 39960, 39961, and 39962.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

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

13. [18-0285](#) Presentation from Former Mayor Bill Baarsma regarding the Tacoma Historical Society Book: "Speaking Out."

Former Mayor Bill Baarsma and Ms. Kim Davenport, Director of the Tacoma Historical Society, presented copies of the Tacoma Historical Society Book: "Speaking Out".

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment began at 5:12 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Patricia Menzies, 615 South Grant Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28498.

Public comment ended at 5:18 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

14. [RES39963](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Floyd Snider, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$282,618, sales tax not applicable, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, for technical services related to Year 12 monitoring activities of sediment cleanup work in the Thea Foss and Wheeler-Osgood Waterways to be completed in 2018-2019 - Architectural and Engineering Roster.  
[Geoffrey Smyth, P.E., Science and Engineering Division Manager;  
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 39963.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

15. [RES39964](#) A resolution awarding a contract to R.L. Alia Company, in the amount of \$5,799,356.50, plus applicable sales tax, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a total of \$6,669,259.98, budgeted from various departmental funds, to replace aging wastewater sewer and water pipes, and install new permeable asphalt roadway near South 35th and Gunnison Streets - Specification No. ES17-0314F.  
[Geoffrey Smyth, P.E., Science and Engineering Division Manager;  
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 39964.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

16. [RES39965](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Active Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$662,662.00, sales tax not applicable, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a total of \$762,061.30, budgeted from various departmental funds, for roadway infrastructure, stormwater infrastructure, traffic signal, and other improvements on East 25th Street adjacent to the new Amtrak Station at Freighthouse Square - Specification No. PW18-0013F.  
[Diane Sheesley, P.E., Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 39965.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

17. [RES39966](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Granite Construction Company, in the amount of \$236,000, plus applicable sales tax, for a total of \$275,000, budgeted from the Asphalt Plant Fund, for the purchase of recycled asphalt product and recycled asphalt shingles blend on an as-needed basis - Specification No. PW15-0044F.  
[Rae Bailey, Street Operations Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 39966.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

18. [RES39967](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Miles Resources, LLC, in the amount of \$1,062,999.00, sales tax not applicable, plus a 20 percent contingency, for a total of \$1,275,598.80, budgeted from the Streets Initiative Fund, for the restoration of approximately 24 blocks of residential streets, replacement of catch basins, and bike lane pavement markings, located on Park Avenue between South 64th Street and South 84th Street - Specification No. PW17-0384F.  
[Said Seddiki, P.E., Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 39967.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

19. [RES39968](#) A resolution awarding a contract to PacWest Machinery, LLC, in the amount of \$280,000, plus applicable sales tax, budgeted from the Fleet Equipment Rental Fund, for the purchase of a new street sweeper - State of Washington Contract No. 02613.  
[Paul Hanna, Assistant Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 39968.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

20. [ORD28496](#) An ordinance reestablishing a Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA) for a ten-year period, establishing new boundaries and providing for the levy of assessments and other income, in the amount of \$1,200,627; and approving the 2018-2019 BIA work plan, budget, and assessment of rates from May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2028.

[Debbie Bingham, Economic Development Specialist; Kim Bedier, Acting Director, Community and Economic Development]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was declared passed.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

21. [ORD28497](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to severance benefits, to eliminate the authority of the City Manager and Director of Utilities to grant severance benefits associated with an employment agreement as a means of attracting and retaining public employees, and to require the City Council to approve any proposed agreement that would grant severance benefits to the Director of Utilities. [Deputy Mayor Ibsen]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was declared passed.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

22. [ORD28498](#) An amended ordinance amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Zoning, to enact the proposed Temporary Shelters Permanent Land Use Regulations, as recommended by the Planning Commission.  
(Continued from the meeting of April 3, 2018)  
[Lauren Flemister, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to amend Ordinance No. 28498, Exhibit “A,” by modifying the language as follows: On Page 3, Section 13.06.635.B.4.c(6), replace the word “should” with “shall,” in the third sentence of the section, to read as follows: “Prior to approving a request for a second temporary shelter location within a sector, all other sectors shall have a temporary shelter location.”

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Mello.

**ACTION:** Voice vote was taken and carried. Ordinance No. 28498, as amended, was set over for final reading next week.

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Acting City Manager Tadd Wille, reported that on Saturday, March 24, 2018 the City held the second Annual T-Town Event at the Tacoma Dome. He stated the event featured City service demonstrations, activities, and games for families and residents; and the event was part of an ongoing effort to raise awareness about the services delivered by various departments of the City, educate the community on how the City government works, and offer an opportunity for community members to share ideas and feedback about how the City should utilize resources.



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

Economic Development Committee

Council Member McCarthy, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported at the February 27, 2018 meeting staff presented the Farmers Market's annual report, an update on the Downtown to Defiance Trolley, and Metro Parks' update on the Point Defiance Zoo. At the March 27, 2018 meeting, he was elected as Interim Chair of the Committee until Council Member Thoms' return and Council Member Ushka was elected as Interim Vice Chair of the Committee. He stated the Committee also considered proposed code changes to the Local Employment and Apprenticeship Training Program and recommended adopting the code changes for one year as a pilot program. He concluded his report by stating the next meeting will be on April 10, 2018, and will include proposed changes to the Small Works Roster and an informational briefing on the Community and Economic Development Department strategy.

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Council Member Beale thanked staff for the help with speaking on a panel during a public information campaign with the Morgan Motel, and stated it was an informational public session.

Council Member Blocker reported the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services has scheduled a public hearing on March 30, 2018 at the Asian Pacific Cultural Center, to receive comments on plans to put a substance abuse treatment center on 38th Street and South Tacoma Way.

Mayor Woodards reported that at the March for Our Lives Rally held the previous weekend at People's Park, there were over 1,400 people in attendance to rally for the safety of the young people in the community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk