



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

March 24, 2015

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:02 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 Mello.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [15-0275](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, February 11, 2015.
2. [15-0276](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, February 11, 2015.
3. [15-0296](#) List of names and signatures of citizens petitioning the Council regarding taxi cab regulations in Section 6B.220.140.A of the Municipal Code.
4. [15-0299](#) List of names and comments of citizens petitioning the Council regarding The News Tribune's advertisements wrapped in plastic.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES (First and Final Reading)

5. [ORD28288](#) An ordinance providing for the formation of Local Improvement District No. 8662, for pervious asphalt concrete paving, concrete banding, and modification of the existing storm drain lines and storm water catch basins on Bennett Street from North 35th to North 37th Streets.
[Ralph K. Rodriguez, LID Administrator; Phyllis P. Macleod, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including first and final reading of Ordinance No. 28288.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28288.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda, including first and final reading of Ordinance No. 28288, was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. [15-0302](#) Recognition of Dr. Dung Xuan Nguyen for his leadership in support of the Vietnamese-American Community of Tacoma-Pierce County.

Mayor Strickland recognized Dr. Dung Xuan Nguyen for his leadership in support of the Vietnamese-American Community of Tacoma Pierce County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:09 p.m.

Speaking before the Council:

1. David Schroedel, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber, speaking on Ordinance No. 28289.

Public Comment ended at 5:12 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

7. [RES39142](#) A resolution appointing Lauren Flemister to the Landmarks Preservation Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39142.

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

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES39143](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Modern Machinery Co., Inc., in the amount of \$207,399, plus sales tax, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for one Komatsu track mounted hydraulic excavator - Specification No. GF15-0059N.
[Judith Scott, Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39143.

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

9. [RES39144](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Tye Miller, Inc., dba T. Miller Construction, in the amount of \$351,515.23, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$404,242.51, plus sales tax, budgeted from the Capital Projects - REET Fund, for expansion of the existing parking lot at the Chinese Reconciliation Park, and installation of signage - Specification No. PW14-0675F.
[Chris E. Larson, P.E., Engineering Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39144.

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

RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES39145](#) A resolution acknowledging receipt of the Final Report of the Tacoma Billboards Community Working Group; expressing appreciation for their excellent work to develop regulatory alternatives for billboards; and directing staff to use this work to continue working with billboard owners, community stakeholders, and the Planning Commission for development of recommendations to the City Council. [John Harrington, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39145.

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

11. [RES39146](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Tacoma-Pierce County Employment and Training Consortium, dba Workforce Central, in the amount of \$325,000, budgeted from the Youth Build Tacoma Fund, for pre-apprenticeship training for the Youth Building Tacoma program for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. [Pamela Duncan, Human Services Manager; Nadia Chandler Hardy, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39146.

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

12. [ORD28287](#) A substitute 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 Tacoma Police Union, Local 6, IUPA, effective retroactive to January 1, 2015, and providing for a salary adjustment for the classification of City Manager, effective retroactive to February 13, 2015. [Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Substitute Ordinance No. 28287. The Substitute 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

13. [ORD28289](#) An ordinance continuing the downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA) for the 28th year, providing for the levy of assessments and other projected income in the amount of \$858,318; and approving the renewed BIA work plan, budget, and assessment rates from May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016. [Debbie Bingham, Program Development Specialist; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28289 was set over for final reading next week.

14. [ORD28290](#) An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of water system revenue and refunding bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$30,600,000, to refund and defease all or a portion of the Water System Revenue and Refunding Bonds, 2005, fixing or setting parameters with respect to certain terms of the bonds, and delegating the authority to approve the final terms of the bonds. [Sean Senescall, Rates and Financial Planning Manager; Linda McCrea, Water Superintendent]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28290 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Neighborhoods and Housing Committee

Council Member Walker, Chair of the Neighborhoods and Housing Committee, stated on February 2, 2015, the Committee heard presentations on the Neighborhood Council Program, and the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption regarding Chapter 6A.110 of the Municipal Code. She then stated the Committee conducted interviews for the Landmarks Preservation Commission on March 2, 2015. Council Member Walker next stated the March 16, 2015 meeting included presentations on the Affordable Housing Policy and Advisory Group recommendations for updating membership and status of its work program, and the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Plan recommendations. She noted the Committee held a special meeting on March 23, 2015, which included a follow-up presentation regarding the HUD Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Plan. She then provided information regarding a meeting by the Federal Reserve Bank to inform local banks of economic development and housing investment opportunities in the City that help with requirements for the Community Reinvestment Act. Council Member Walker concluded by stating the next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2015, and will include presentations regarding the garage sale policy, West Slope Neighborhood Conservation District, and Landmarks Preservation Commission park name change.

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Council Member Ibsen stated this Thursday Metro Parks Tacoma will host the third of four Destination Point Defiance town halls regarding the Point Defiance Park Master Plan, noting the meeting will focus on pedestrian, bike, vehicle circulation, and parking. He concluded by stating comments or inquiries can be sent to destinationpointdefiance.org.

Deputy Mayor Boe provided information on the Arts Connect Winter Showcase by the Hilltop Artists at Wilson High School.

Council Member Campbell provided information on community events in District No. 4, including the Urban Hike: Discovering Dometop on Foot event, and a town hall at Lincoln High School to discuss the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Council Member Woodards stated the University of Washington-Tacoma will be hosting an awards ceremony and discussion of "The Long Night" this Saturday in honor of Women's History Month.

Council Member Walker provided information on the Sister Cities International Film Festival, including films from France, the Philippines, and South Africa.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk