



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

February 26, 2019

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

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Mayor Woodards stated that Council Members Mello and Thoms will be participating telephonically.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to suspend Rule 1E of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma to allow Council Member Thoms to participate telephonically.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Council Member Thoms did not participate telephonically.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Council Member Mello participated telephonically.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Hunter.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [19-0165](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, January 24, 2019.
2. [19-0163](#) Minutes of the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board, October 18, 2018.
3. [19-0162](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, January 14, 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

4. [RES40237](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fircrest, to extend certain Fire Department fees and penalty charges to Fircrest, effective March 1, 2019.
[Michael Fitzgerald, Assistant to the Chief; James P. Duggan, Fire Chief]
5. [RES40238](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County Fire District 10, to extend certain Fire Department fees and penalty charges to the Fire District, effective March 1, 2019.
[Michael Fitzgerald, Assistant to the Chief; James P. Duggan, Fire Chief]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40237 and 40238.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40237 and 40238. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. [19-0171](#) Proclaiming Thursday, February 28, 2019 as Rare Disease Day.
Mayor Woodards proclaimed Thursday, February 28, 2019 as Rare Disease Day and presented the proclamation to Council Member Beale.

7. [19-0170](#) Proclaiming February 2019 as Black History Month.
Mayor Woodards proclaimed February 2019 as Black History Month and presented the proclamation to Ms. Carolyn Solitaire, Utilities Field Investigator, Tacoma Public Utilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:18 p.m.

No one came forward to address the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:19 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

8. [RES40239](#) A resolution appointing individuals to the Human Rights Commission and Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40239.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES40240](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Stergion Group, Inc., in the amount of \$232,764, plus applicable taxes, for a total of \$832,899, budgeted from the Information Systems Fund, for continued technical project management services - Specification No. PS14-0295F.
[Michelle Lewis-Hodges, Information Technology Manager;
Daniel Key, Director, Information Technology]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40240.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES40241](#) A resolution authorizing the use of \$20,000 of City Council Contingency Funds to support tenant outreach and education services; and directing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Tenants Union of Washington outlining the scope of work and deliverables for said funding.
[Council Member Beale]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40241.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

11. [RES40242](#) 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 approximately 50 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2019.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40242.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

12. [ORD28573](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to clarify leave deposits and remove language regarding a cash-out option, to align with the Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association Plan document.
[Kari Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28573.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

13. [ORD28574](#) 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, Water Pollution Control Unit.
[Kari Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28574 was set over for final reading next week.

14. [ORD28575](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to add a new Section 1.12.280, entitled “Inclement weather or conditions,” relating to the authority of the City Manager and Director of Utilities to grant leave during severe inclement weather or conditions, retroactive to February 11, 2019.
[Kari Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28575 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli reported that a meeting on proposed changes to the Neighborhood Council Program was held on February 23, 2019, and a summary report will be presented to Council and the public.

Council Member Beale provided comments regarding the meeting and thanked the City Manager and staff for their work on the Neighborhood Council Program.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Blocker, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the February 14, 2019 meeting, the Committee interviewed applicants for the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board and the Human Rights Commission. Council Member Blocker concluded that the next meeting will be on

February 28, 2019, and will include interviews for the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs and a presentation on the 2019 Tacoma Gang Assessment.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to suspend Rule 9C of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma to move Citizens' Forum to the March 19, 2019 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to excuse Council Member Thoms from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk