



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

May 07, 2019

5:00 PM

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Beale.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [19-0457](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, March 13, 2019.
2. [19-0458](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, March 13, 2019.
3. [19-0459](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, March 18, 2019.

## CONSENT AGENDA

## RESOLUTIONS

4. [RES40319](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fircrest establishing maintenance responsibilities for South 19th Street medians between the entrance to the Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities and Mildred Street West.  
[Josh Diekmann, Assistant Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E.,

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

5. [ORD28581](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of East “K” Street, together with an adjoining alleyway segment, lying between East 25th and East 26th Streets, and west of East “L” Street, for future development.  
(Lentz Properties LLC; File No. 124.1393)  
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40319 and first reading of Ordinance No. 28581.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28581.**

**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, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40319 and setting Ordinance No. 28581 over to a date to be determined.**

**The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. [19-0469](#) Proclaiming May 2019 as Bike Month.

Deputy Mayor McCarthy proclaimed May 2019 as Bike Month and presented the proclamation to Mr. Levi Hamilton, 2nd Cycle.

7. [19-0470](#) Proclaiming May 2019 as Tacoma Historic Preservation Month.

Deputy Mayor McCarthy proclaimed May 2019 as Tacoma Historic Preservation Month and presented the proclamation to Mr. Kevin Bartoy, Landmarks Preservation Commission.

8. [19-0468](#) Proclaiming May 2019 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

Deputy Mayor McCarthy proclaimed May 2019 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month and presented the proclamation to Mr. Patrick Rapozo, Firefighter.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:20 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Duke Paulson, Tacoma Rescue Mission, speaking on Resolution No. 40323.
2. Roy Kissler, 7809 Pacific Avenue, speaking on Resolution No. 40323.
3. Molly Nichols, Tacoma Tenants Organizing Committee (TTOC), speaking on Resolution No. 40323.
4. Joseph Hann, TTOC, speaking on Resolution No. 40323.
5. Michael Liang, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber, speaking on Resolution No. 40321.

Public Comment ended at 5:30 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

9.        [RES40320](#)     A resolution awarding a contract to KONE Inc., in the amount of \$306,000, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Municipal Building Acquisition and Operation Fund, for elevator maintenance and repair services at the Tacoma Municipal Building (TMB), TMB North, Lighthouse Senior Center, and Fleet Administration, for an initial contract period of three years, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods, for a projected contract total of \$510,000 - U.S. Communities Contract EV2516.  
[Justin E. Davis, Facilities Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 40320.**

**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, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

## RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES40321](#) A resolution authorizing the submittal of the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; authorizing the execution of two agreements with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority (TCRA) for housing development programs; a Subrecipient Agreement under the HOME Program with the City of Lakewood and TCRA to administer the HOME Consortium; and an agreement with Rebuilding Together South Sound for the Tacoma Home Repair Program.  
[Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services;  
Daniel Murillo, Housing Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director,  
Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 40321.**

**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, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

11. [RES40322](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a retention agreement and severance agreement with non-represented employees of the Click! Network Unit.  
[Tom Morrill, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 40322.**

**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, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

12. [RES40323](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Tacoma Rescue Mission, in the amount of \$1,600,000, budgeted from various departmental funds, for the emergency shelter expansion of 50 beds.  
[Erica Azcueta, Homelessness and Household Stability Manager;  
Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 40323.**

**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, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

13. [RES40324](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Court Clerks Unit, consisting of approximately 28 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2021.  
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 40324.**

**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, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

14. [ORD28582](#) 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, Court Clerks Unit.  
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28582 was set over for final reading next week.**

## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

15. [19-0431](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amended for the years 2019 and 2020-2025.  
[Jennifer Kammerzell, Principal Engineer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

The public hearing began at 5:50 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jim Jones, 6001 Pacific Avenue.
2. Susanne Marten, 5435 South Bell Street.

The public hearing ended at 5:58 p.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to suspend Rule 5.A.13 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma to allow a member of the non-prevailing side to move for reconsideration the vote on Resolution No. 40316.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 6 - Blocker, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Ushka

**Nays:** 1 - Beale

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

**Abstain:** 1 - Ibsen

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to reconsider the vote on Resolution No. 40316, which was taken at the City Council meeting of April 30, 2019, regarding an amendment to the development agreement with HQC USA LLC.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Blocker, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Ushka

**Nays:** 1 - Beale

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

**Abstain:** 1 - Ibsen



**RES40316** A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Development Agreement with HQC USA LLC, to outline steps to restart a mixed-use project, located at 1210 Tacoma Avenue South.  
[Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40316.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

**Deputy Mayor McCarthy opened the floor for public comment, however no one came forward to address the City Council.**

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

- Ayes:** 6 - Blocker, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Ushka
- Nays:** 1 - Beale
- Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards
- Abstain:** 1 - Ibsen

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**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to suspend Rule 5.A.13 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma to allow a member of the non-prevailing side to move for reconsideration the vote on Resolution No. 40317.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

- Ayes:** 6 - Blocker, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Ushka
- Nays:** 1 - Beale
- Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards
- Abstain:** 1 - Ibsen

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to reconsider the vote on Resolution No. 40317, which was taken at the City Council meeting of April 30, 2019, regarding an amendment to the property tax exemption agreement with HQC USA LLC.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Blocker, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Ushka

**Nays:** 1 - Beale

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

**Abstain:** 1 - Ibsen

**[RES40317](#)**

A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with HQC USA LLC, for the development of 186 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 1210 Tacoma Avenue South in the Downtown Regional Growth Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40317.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

**Deputy Mayor McCarthy opened the floor for public comment.**

**Speaking before the City Council:**

- 1. Holly Rydel Kelly, resident.**
- 2. Molly Nichols, TTOC.**
- 3. Joseph Hann, TTOC.**

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Blocker, Hunter, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Ushka

**Nays:** 1 - Beale

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

**Abstain:** 1 - Ibsen

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Council Member Blocker provided information on a neighborhood cleanup event in the Central Neighborhood on Saturday, May 11, 2019, at Franklin Elementary School, located at 1402 South Lawrence Street, at 10:00 a.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 April 23, 2019 meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Theatre Square planning, Tacoma opportunity zones, and the foreign trade zone. He stated the April 30, 2019 meeting was cancelled, and the next meeting will be held on May 14, 2019 and will include interviews for the City Events and Recognitions Committee and continued discussion on Tacoma opportunity zones.

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**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to excuse Mayor Woodards from the 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, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

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Council Member Ibsen requested information regarding utilization of Real Estate Excise Tax revenue to finance capital projects.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk