



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

January 10, 2017

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Thoms

The City Council At-Large No. 6 position is vacant.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Campbell.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [17-0027](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee and Audit Advisory Board joint meeting, December 7, 2016.
2. [17-0023](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, August 10, 2016.
3. [17-0006](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, November 9, 2016.
4. [17-0007](#) Disclosure of Remote Interest pursuant to Tacoma City Charter Section 6.6 and Municipal Code Section 1.46.030 A and B as follows:
Name Council Member Ryan Mello
Affiliation Executive Director, Pierce Conservation District

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to suspend the rules to add an additional Resolution, Resolution No. 39632, to tonight's agenda as Item 8A on the Regular Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Thoms

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

5. [RES39629](#) A resolution setting Thursday, February 16, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a sub-surface portion of Court E, lying between South 13th and South 15th Streets, to accommodate the Petitioner's existing building wall.
(Alma Mater, LLC; File No. 124.1375)
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist;
Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

6. [ORD28407](#) An ordinance vacating the east six feet of South Yakima Avenue, adjacent to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, for approximately 150 feet of the block between South 15th and South 16th Streets, to cure an existing encroachment.
(St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church; File No. 124.1370)
[Phyllis Macleod, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39629 and first reading of Ordinance No. 28407.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28407.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Thoms

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39629 and setting Ordinance No. 28407 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Thoms

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. [17-0024](#) Proclaiming Monday, January 16, 2017 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed Monday, January 16, 2017 as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and presented a proclamation to Ms. Joan Moffat, City Events and Recognitions Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:13 p.m.

No one came forward to address the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:14 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES39631](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Quitclaim Deed to release any interest of the City in a 30,009 square-foot area of Bay Street, also known as East 28th Street, to facilitate the current Washington State Department of Transportation I-5/Portland Avenue to Port of Tacoma Road Project - Northbound HOV, and a property transfer to the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. [Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39631.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Thoms

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Citizens' Forum began at 5:19 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Nick Bayard, Director of the REACH Center, speaking on youth shelter location.
2. Emily Scipio, homeless, speaking on homelessness and tent removal.
3. Bryant Whitfield, resident, speaking on homelessness and tent removal.
4. Chaplain Loren Gates, homeless community chaplain, speaking on homelessness and tent removal.
5. John Sherrill, homeless resident, speaking on homelessness and tent removal.
6. Carol LeBert, resident, speaking on homelessness and tent removal.
7. Roxy Murray, Tacoma, speaking on seminars, sand and gravel pit, and the City Council vacancy.
8. Claudia Riedener, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
9. Nanette Reetz, citizen, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
10. Nancy Reining, 5017 40th Street Northeast, speaking on fossil fuels and sand and gravel pit.

11. Carole Sue Braaten, citizen, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
12. John Carlton, resident, speaking on fossil fuels and Tacoma.
13. LaDonna Robertson, Tacoma, speaking on Puget Sound Energy natural gas leak.
14. Laura Woodruff, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas and sand and gravel pit.
15. Jim Merritt, 3201 North Madison Street, speaking on youth shelter location.

Citizens' Forum ended at 5:49 p.m.

City Manager T.C. Broadnax provided information on the public process and requirements of the sand and gravel mining project that was referenced during Citizens' Forum. He stated there will be a public information meeting on January 12, 2017 and public comment, including requests for an environmental determination of significance, an environmental impact statement (EIS), compliance, and concerns will be accepted through January 27, 2017.

City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli stated her office has reached out to the Assistant Attorney General that represents the Department of Ecology to discuss their position on a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS). She stated staff is hopeful that in short order there will be a writing that reflects the Department of Ecology's position on lead status and the status of a possible SEIS, which will be made available to the public when received.

Council Member Campbell discussed pending work at the Board of Health, including a potential health impact statement for projects.

Council Member Mello encouraged everyone interested to submit their public comments and requests for an EIS as part of the public process for the mining project. He then responded to a comment regarding his role on the Board of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, noting the Board does not vote on any permits, and he is happy to bring forward any questions to the agency.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Strickland discussed the process in finding a location for the youth shelter. She discussed the assets and amenities of the South Tacoma Business District and neighborhood and asked everyone to show compassion and think about the greater good and benefit.

Mayor Strickland then stated the City Council study session and business meeting for Tuesday, January 17, 2017, have been cancelled. She encouraged everyone to attend the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at the Tacoma Dome on Monday, January 16, 2017.

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Thoms

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk