



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

December 12, 2017

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Thoms called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Walker Lee.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [17-1302](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, November 15, 2017.
2. [17-1281](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, November 13, 2017.

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to suspend the rules to consider First and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 28477 relating to the declaration of public emergency regarding the conditions of homeless encampments after Item No. 15 on the Regular Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

CONSENT AGENDA

3. [17-1195](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, October 31, 2017.
4. [17-1207](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, November 7, 2017.
5. [17-1309](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, November 14, 2017.
6. [17-1310](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, November 21, 2017.
7. [17-1306](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 31, 2017.
8. [17-1307](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, November 7, 2017.
9. [17-1308](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, November 14, 2017.

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:10 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Dr. Linda Fortune, citizen, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
2. Rosemary Powers, citizen/New Connections, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
3. Theresa Power Drutis, citizen/New Connections, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.

4. Ken Paulson, citizen/New Connections, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
5. Bliss Moore, Tacoma and Sierra Club, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
6. Dean Haugen, citizen, speaking on Resolution No. 39890 and Ordinance No. 28476.
7. Steven Storms, Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
8. Norma Ramirez, 98406, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
9. Mike Loinston, 98422, speaking on Resolution No. 39890 and Ordinance No. 28476.
10. Sally Perkins, citizen 98405, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
11. Liesl Santkuyl, citizen, speaking on Resolution No. 39892.
12. Veronica Hinojosa, citizen, speaking on Resolution No. 39892.
13. Tracy Wiegman, Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
14. Star Murray, Tacoma Migrant Justice, speaking on Resolution No. 39892.
15. Sara Irish, citizen, speaking on Resolution No. 39892.
16. Alan Old Student, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
17. Conor McDonald, speaking on Resolution No. 39890 and Ordinance No. 28476.
18. Monique LeTourneau, speaking on Resolution No. 39892.
19. Kyle Jolibois, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
20. Stacy Oaks, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
21. William Kupinse, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
22. Tiffany MacBain, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
23. Vivian MacBain, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
24. John Carlton, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
25. Claudia Riedener, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
26. Val Peaphon, 98407, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
27. Jim Casten, speaking on Resolution No. 39884.
28. Lloyd Poehler, speaking on Resolution No. 39884.
29. Lynn DiNino, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
30. Bea Christophersen, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
31. Les Pogue Jr., Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
32. Jody Gatz, speaking on Resolution No. 39890 and Ordinance No. 28476.
33. Rita Andreeva, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
34. Richard Lovering, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
35. Korbe Palmer, speaking on Resolution No. 39890 and Ordinance No. 28476.
36. Kathy Lawhon, 1114 South 11th Street, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
37. Troy Christensen, 6848 South Alaska Street, speaking on Resolution No. 39892.
38. Oneida Aindd, 2618 North Carr Street, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
39. Bonny Jo Peterson, Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39885.

40. Marlene Crumpton, citizen of Tacoma, speaking on Resolution Nos. 39882 and 39885.
41. Janet Higbee-Robinson, Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
42. Nikie Walters, Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39882.
43. Peter Wangoe, Seattle, speaking on Resolution No. 39890 and Ordinance No. 28476.
44. Tim Thompson, Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39890 and Ordinance No. 28476.
45. Kit Burns, Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39890 and Ordinance No. 28476.
46. Charla Neuman, Sun Outdoor Advertising, speaking on Resolution No. 39890 and Ordinance No. 28476.

Public Comment ended at 7:18 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES39883](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Enfotech & Consulting, Inc., in the amount of \$334,298, plus applicable sales tax, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for the implementation of a Pretreatment Information Management System - Specification No. ES17-0200F.
[Daniel C. Thompson, PhD, Business Operations Division Manager;
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to adopt Resolution No. 39883.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello and Walker Lee

Absent: 2 - Thoms and Mayor Strickland

RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES39882](#) This is the second reading of a resolution amending Rule 9 of the *Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma* relating to Public Comment/Public Forum to suspend Citizens' Forum on the second Tuesday for one-year to allow for a revised Citizens' Forum pilot project; authorizing the one-time use of up to \$25,000 of Council Contingency Funds, to assist in evaluating and developing the pilot project; and directing the City Manager to negotiate an agreement with the Center for Dialog and Resolution for said purpose.
[Council Member Walker Lee]

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 39882 was moved and seconded last week.

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved as a substitute, Substitute Resolution No. 39882.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to amend the Substitute Resolution by adding the word monthly on page 5, under C, to read "Citizens' Forums shall be held monthly at a date and location to be determined..."

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion to amend the substitute was declared adopted.

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello and Walker Lee

Absent: 2 - Thoms and Mayor Strickland

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the substitution, as amended, of Resolution No. 39882. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello and Walker Lee

Absent: 2 - Thoms and Mayor Strickland

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on Substitute Resolution No. 39882, as amended. The Substitute Resolution, as amended, was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

12. [RES39884](#) A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the sale of approximately 106 acres of property, located at 13004 Reservoir Road East, in Puyallup, to the Pierce County Department of Parks and Recreation, for the amount of \$2,775,100.
[Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to continue Resolution No. 39884 to the December 19, 2017 meeting at the request of staff.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

ACTION: Resolution No. 39884 was continued to December 19, 2017.

13. [RES39885](#) A resolution adopting the priority issues for the 2018 sessions of the United States Congress and Washington State Legislature.
[Randall Lewis, Government Relations Officer; Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39885.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

14. [RES39886](#) A resolution requesting the Planning Commission to consider modifications to amend Chapter 13.05 of the Municipal Code, relating to Land Use Permit Procedures, to modify the Residential Infill Pilot Program by increasing the number of allowed Detached Accessory Dwelling Units, and modifying the design standards and review process pertaining to Two-family, Multi-family, and Cottage Housing developments. [Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to adopt Resolution No. 39886.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

15. [RES39887](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center, in the amount of \$420,000, budgeted from the General Fund and Mental Health Fund, for a total amount of \$820,000, for operational obligations through December 31, 2018. [Vicky McLaurin, Management Analyst III; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39887.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 6 - Blocker, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

Recused: 2 - Campbell and Thoms

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

[ORD28477](#) (First and Final Reading) An ordinance amending Section 6 of Ordinance No. 28430, as amended by Ordinance No. 28457 by extending the sunset date for the declaration of public emergency relating to the conditions of homeless encampments from December 31, 2017, to December 31, 2018; and declaring an emergency, making necessary the passage of this ordinance and it becoming effective immediately. [Tadd Wille, Assistant City Manager; Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

RESOLUTIONS (continued)

16. [RES39888](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with The Salvation Army, in the amount of \$455,953, budgeted from the General Fund, for a total amount of \$655,905, to provide stabilization services through December 31, 2018. [Erica Azcueta, Management Analyst III; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39888.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

17. [RES39889](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Catholic Community Services, in the amount of \$1,884,000, budgeted from the General Fund and NCS Special Revenue Fund, for a total amount of \$2,785,593, for ongoing operation of the Stability Site and associated services through December 31, 2018.
[Erica Azcueta, Management Analyst III; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39889.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

18. [RES39890](#) A resolution authorizing an agreement with Lamar Company, LLC, d.b.a. Lamar Advertising of Seattle, to remove 111 sign faces over a five-year period and implement a permanent cap limit to no more than 225 sign faces in the City upon passage of Ordinance No. 28476.
[Chris Bacha, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39890.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

19. [RES39891](#) A resolution realigning the terms of various committees, boards, and commissions to expire on a quarterly basis and allow for an enhanced onboarding program; realigning the youth positions to the academic year; and setting all youth positions to one-year terms.

[David Nash-Mendez, Senior Management Fellow; Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39891.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

20. [RES39892](#) A resolution establishing a Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, to be composed of eleven members and an alternate, for the purpose of better engaging immigrant and refugee communities, and to work with community partners and staff to identify and advance positive outcomes related to removing barriers for said communities.

[Council Member Campbell]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39892.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

21. [RES39893](#) A resolution adopting a “Health and Equity in All Policies” policy, and directing the City Manager to analyze proposed policies using a health and equity lens.
[Council Member Campbell]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39893.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

22. [RES39894](#) A resolution establishing the Tacoma Permit Advisory Task Force to improve City policies, codes, and procedures for the issuance of residential and commercial permits, and directing the City Manager to appoint members and provide staff support.
[Deputy Mayor Thoms and Council Members Lonergan and McCarthy]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39894.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

23. [RES39895](#) A resolution authorizing the use of up to \$10,000 of Council Contingency Funds for sponsoring the Youth Summit at the 2018 Race and Pedagogy Conference at the University of Puget Sound.
[Mayor Strickland and Council Members Blocker and Walker Lee]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39895.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

24. [ORD28474](#) An ordinance amending the 2017-2022 Capital Facilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan to include the Neighborhood and Community Services Readiness Site project, and amending the 2017-2018 Capital Budget.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

25. [ORD28475](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to clarify part-time employee benefits and implement rates of pay and compensation for represented and non-represented employees.

[Kari Louie, Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to continue final reading of Ordinance No. 28475 to the December 19, 2017 meeting at the request of staff.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

ACTION: Final reading of Ordinance No. 28475 was continued to December 19, 2017.

26. [ORD28476](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Zoning, to create a billboard exchange program, allowing installation of new billboard faces in exchange for removing billboard faces, and modifying development standards concerning design, location, landscaping, dispersal, lighting, buffering, height, and alterations of billboards; and adopting permit requirements to establish maximum permissible billboard heights.

[Chris Bacha, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28476.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the substitution of Ordinance No. 28476. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

27. [ORD28477](#) (First and Final Reading) An ordinance amending Section 6 of Ordinance No. 28430, as amended by Ordinance No. 28457 by extending the sunset date for the declaration of public emergency relating to the conditions of homeless encampments from December 31, 2017, to December 31, 2018; and declaring an emergency, making necessary the passage of this ordinance and it becoming effective immediately.
[Tadd Wille, Assistant City Manager; Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

Ordinance No. 28477 was considered earlier in the meeting.

28. [ORD28478](#) (First and Final Reading) An ordinance amending Chapter 8.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to Disorderly Conduct, by extending the sunset date of Section 8.12.180.E, entitled Unlawful Camping, to December 31, 2018, to allow for continued enforcement; and declaring an emergency, making necessary the passage of this ordinance and it becoming effective immediately.
[Don Ramsdell, Police Chief]

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

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

Absent: 2 - Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

29. [ORD28479](#) An ordinance amending Title 11 of the Municipal Code, relating to Traffic, by amending various chapters to revise City regulations applicable to street traffic.
[Josh Diekmann, P.E., Engineering Assistant Division Manager;
Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28479 was set over for final reading next week.

30. [ORD28480](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.28A of the Municipal Code, relating to the Tacoma Arts Commission, by changing the position for the Cross District Association or Community Council representative to an At-Large position.
[Amy McBride, Arts Administrator; Kim Bedier, Acting Director, Community and Economic Development]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28480 was set over for final reading next week.

31. [ORD28481](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.30 of the Municipal Code, relating to Business and Occupation Tax, to establish a new credit in the amount of \$500, which local businesses can use against their City business and occupation taxes, for qualifying positions created on or after January 1, 2018, that are filled by residents of Tacoma.
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Division Manager, Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28481 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Citizens' Forum began at 9:10 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Marles Blackbird, speaking on Puget Sound Energy.
2. June Stubbs, Local 8, speaking on Dome concessions.
3. Nick Henry, speaking on liquefied natural gas and salmon.
4. Kyle Jolibois, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
5. John Carlton, Tacoma, speaking on Port.
6. Abby Lawlor, Unite Here, speaking on venue concessions.
7. Rita Andreeva, Tacoma, speaking on Pierce Transit problem.
8. Steven Storms, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.

Citizens' Forum ended at 9:30 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Council Members Lonergan and Mello addressed comments made at Citizens' Forum regarding Pierce Transit, stating they will work together and look into the issue.

Council Member Campbell noted the large agenda and amount of work that went into the meeting tonight, then thanked the Council for supporting his initiatives.

Council Member Blocker stated he would not be in attendance next week and thanked the departing Mayor and Council Members for their service.

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Absent: 1 - Mayor Strickland

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Robert Thoms, Deputy Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk