



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

June 17, 2014

2:30 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the special meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

FLAG SALUTE

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Lonergan.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

REGULAR AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to have Mayor Strickland be the final say on ballot titles and on ballot order.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Woodards.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

Proposed Amendments to the City Charter as submitted by the Charter Review Committee

1. **14-0493** City of Tacoma Proposed Charter Amendment No. __ adding gender neutral language, and deleting obsolete provisions and language.

Proposes amendments to:

- Article II - Sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.35, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7, 2.9, 2.10, and 2.12
- Article III - Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, and 3.12
- Article IV - Sections 4.9, 4.13, 4.18, and 4.21
- Article V - Sections 5.4 and 5.6
- Article VI - Sections 6.3, 6.4, 6.9, 6.11, 6.12, 6.13, 6.14, and 6.15
- Article VI - Sections 7.5, 7.7, 7.9, and 7.10
- Article IX - Section 9.7
- Article X - Sections 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, and 10.6

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved that a resolution placing Item No. 1 on the November 2014 ballot be considered at the City Council meeting of July 15, 2014.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

2. **14-0494** City of Tacoma Proposed Charter Amendment No. __ aligning anti-discrimination provisions with City and state law.

Proposes amendments to:

- Article VI - Section 6.7

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved that a resolution placing Item No. 2 on the November 2014 ballot be considered at the City Council meeting of July 15, 2014.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

3. **14-0495** City of Tacoma Proposed Charter Amendment No. __ aligning election provisions with state law.

Proposes amendments to:

Article II - Sections 2.4, 2.7, 2.19, and 2.20

Article III - Section 3.7

Article V - Sections 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5, and 5.6

Article VI - Section 6.11(b)

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved that a resolution placing Item No. 3 on the November 2014 ballot be considered at the City Council meeting of July 15, 2014.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

4. **14-0496** City of Tacoma Proposed Charter Amendment No. __ concerning the effective date of emergency ordinances.

Proposes amendments to:

Article II - Section 2.13

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved that a resolution placing Item No. 4 on the November 2014 ballot be considered at the City Council meeting of July 15, 2014.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

5. 14-0497 City of Tacoma Proposed Charter Amendment No. __ establishing a salary commission to determine Mayor and Council salaries.

Proposes amendments to:

Article II - Section 2.3

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved that a resolution placing Item No. 5 on the November 2014 ballot be considered at the City Council meeting of July 15, 2014.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried, with Council Member Campbell voting in opposition. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 7 - Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Nays: 1 - Campbell

Absent: 1 - Walker

6. 14-0498 City of Tacoma Proposed Charter Amendment No. __ concerning City Council powers and duties relative to the Public Utility Board.

Proposes amendments to:

Article IV - Sections 4.8, 4.12, 4.14, 4.15, 4.18, and 4.24

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to amend Item No. 6 to consider Section 4.18 separately.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to amend the proposed changes to Section 4.18 by adding, following the word “reconfirmation”, a comma, and the phrase “subject to confirmation by the City Council.”

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved that a resolution placing the proposed changes to Section 4.18, as amended, on the November 2014 ballot be considered at the City Council meeting of July 15, 2014.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried, with Council Members Boe and Lonergan voting in opposition. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 6 - Campbell, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Nays: 2 - Boe and Lonergan

Absent: 1 - Walker

No action was taken on the remaining Charter sections in Item No. 6.

7. 14-0499

City of Tacoma Proposed Charter Amendment No. __ concerning Mayor and City Council term limits.

Proposes amendments to:

Article II - Section 2.35

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to amend Item No. 7 to delete the words “either” and “or combination thereof” and insert after “Councilman” the words “and more than two full terms”.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried, with Council Member Thoms voting in opposition. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 7 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Nays: 1 - Thoms

Absent: 1 - Walker

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved that a resolution placing Item No. 7, as amended, on the November 2014 ballot be considered at the City Council meeting of July 15, 2014.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried, with Council Member Thoms voting in opposition. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 7 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Nays: 1 - Thoms

Absent: 1 - Walker

8. 14-0500 City of Tacoma Proposed Charter Amendment No. ___ adopting a new article, "Powers and Responsibilities of the People."

Adds a preamble and renumbers:

Article II - Sections 2.18, 2.21, 2.22, 2.23, 2.24, and 2.25

Article III - Sections 3.8 and 3.9

Article VI - Sections 6.11 and 6.12

No action was taken on Item No. 8.

9. 14-0502 City of Tacoma Proposed Charter Amendment No. ___ deleting the prohibition of new cemeteries, mausoleums, or crematories.

Proposes amendments to:

Article IX - Section 9.4

MOTION: Council Member Boe moved that a resolution placing Item No. 9 on the November 2014 ballot be considered at the City Council meeting of July 15, 2014.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

10. 14-0503 City of Tacoma Proposed Charter Amendment No. ___ adding requirements for Landmarks Preservation Commission, Neighborhood Councils and Business Districts.

Proposes amendments to:

Article X - Sections 10.15, 10.17, and 10.18

Action on Item No. 10 was considered later in the meeting.

11. 14-0504 City of Tacoma Proposed Charter Amendment No. __ requiring financial interest disclosures from certain officers and employees.

Proposes amendments to:

Article VI - Section 6.19

No action was taken on Item No. 11.

12. 14-0505 City of Tacoma Proposed Charter Amendment No. __ concerning public employee participation in residential conservation, infrastructure and environmental programs.

Proposes amendments to:

Article VI - Section 6.6

MOTION: Council Member Lonergan moved that a resolution placing Item No. 12 on the November 2014 ballot be considered at the City Council meeting of July 15, 2014.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

13. 14-0506 City of Tacoma Proposed Charter Amendment No. __ deleting residency and certain citizenship requirements for City employment.

Proposes amendments to:

Article VI - Section 6.3

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved that a resolution placing Item No. 13 on the November 2014 ballot be considered at the City Council meeting of July 15, 2014.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Woodards.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

14. 14-0507 City of Tacoma Proposed Charter Amendment No. __ expanding City Council authority to hire, appoint and confirm staff.

Proposes amendments to:

Article III - Sections 3.2, 3.4, and 3.5

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to amend Item No. 14 to delete the proposed changes to Sections 3.2 and 3.5, and refer the proposed amendment of Section 3.4 to the ballot as “expanding Council authority to confirm the appointment of department directors.”

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved that a resolution placing Item No. 14, as amended, on the November 2014 ballot be considered at the City Council meeting of July 15, 2014.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

15. 14-0508 City of Tacoma Proposed Charter Amendment No. __ creating a Citizen Commission on Redistricting.

Proposes amendments to:

Article X - Section 10.14

No action was taken on Item No. 15.

16. 14-0510 City of Tacoma Proposed Charter Amendment No. __ changing the government form from Council-Manager to Mayor-Council-Chief Administrative Officer.

Proposes amendments to:

Preamble

Article II - Preamble, Sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 2.10, and 2.12

Article III - Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, and 3.11

Article IV - Sections 4.16 and 4.23

Article V - Sections 5.3

Article VI - Sections 6.1, 6.8, and 6.17

Article VII - Sections 7.2, 7.3, 7.5, 7.6, and 7.10

Article IX - Section 9.1

Article X - Sections 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, and 10.6

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved that a resolution placing Item No. 16 on the November 2014 ballot be considered at the City Council meeting of July 15, 2014.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

ACTION: Roll call vote was requested and taken. The motion was declared failed by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Ibsen and Mello

Nays: 6 - Boe, Campbell, Lonergan, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

Proposed Amendments to the City Charter as submitted by City Departments

17. 14-0501 City of Tacoma Proposed Charter Amendment No. __ allowing the City to charge for certain employment tests.

Proposes amendments to:

Article VI - Section 6.14

No action was taken on Item No. 17.

Proposed Amendments to the City Charter as submitted by the Mayor and City Council

18. 14-0509 City of Tacoma Proposed Charter Amendment No. ___ adopting a program for publicly financed campaigns.

Proposes amendments to:

Article X - Section 10.19

Ayes: ___ Nays: ___ Absent: ___ Abstaining: ___

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved that a resolution placing Item No. 18 on the November 2014 ballot be considered at the City Council meeting of July 15, 2014.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

ACTION: Roll call vote was requested and taken. The motion was declared failed by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Boe, Campbell and Ibsen

Nays: 5 - Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

19. 14-0512 City of Tacoma Proposed Charter Amendment No. ___ concerning Mayor and City Council term limits.

Proposes amendments to:

Article II - Section 2.35

No action was taken on Item No. 19.

Item No. 10 was considered here.

10. 14-0503 City of Tacoma Proposed Charter Amendment No. ___ adding requirements for Landmarks Preservation Commission, Neighborhood Councils and Business Districts.

Proposes amendments to:

Article X - Sections 10.15, 10.17, and 10.18

MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved on Item No. 10 to consider Section 10.15 separately.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

MOTION: Council Member Boe moved that a resolution placing the proposed changes to Section 10.15 on the November 2014 ballot be considered at the City Council meeting of July 15, 2014.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

No action was taken on the remaining Charter sections in Item No. 10.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 4:20 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

1. Terri Baker, citizen, speaking on Item No. 6.

Public comment ended at 4:21 p.m.

Council Member Mello requested the City Attorney review and clarify the last paragraph of Item No. 5.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk