



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

December 10, 2019

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and McCarthy

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Blocker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [19-1404](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, November 19, 2019.
2. [19-1257](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, September 25, 2019.
3. [19-1258](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, October 9, 2019.
4. [19-1418](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, October 23, 2019.
5. [19-1419](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, October 23, 2019.
6. [19-1420](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, October 30, 2019.
9. [19-1370](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, September 18, 2019.
10. [19-1371](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, October 16, 2019.

7. [19-1368](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, November 6, 2019.
8. [19-1369](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, November 9, 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. [19-1416](#) Proclaiming Tuesday, December 10, 2019 as Student Government Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Tuesday, December 10, 2019 as Student Government Day and presented the proclamation to Ms. Rosemary Sissel, Chair, Mayor's Youth Commission and Amanda Scott-Thomas, Director of Community Partnership, Tacoma Public Schools.

12. [19-1421](#) Recognizing the Lincoln Abes Football Team.

Mayor Woodards recognized the Lincoln Abes Football Team and presented the recognition to Principal Patrick Erwin, Coach Masaki Matsumoto, and members of the Lincoln Abes Football Team.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:15 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kathy Lawhon, 1114 South 11th Street, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
2. Griffin Silver, Sunrise Movement, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
3. Arijanna Zimmer, Sunrise Movement, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
4. Sean Arent, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
5. Kyle Jolibois, 431 Broadway, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
6. Nikie Walters, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
7. Tony Ivey, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
8. Evette Mason, Port of Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
9. Tash Hansen-Day, Hearing, Speech, and Deaf Center, speaking on Ordinance No. 28649.
10. Anna Bean, Puyallup Tribal Council, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
11. Annette Bryan, Puyallup Tribal Council, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.

12. EJ Hunter, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28649.
13. Debra Lamus, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28649.
14. Todd Holloway, Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, speaking on Ordinance No. 28649.
15. Sarah Dunn, Sunrise Movement, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
16. John Carlton, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
17. Tracy Wiegman, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
18. Melissa Malott, Citizens for a Healthy Bay, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
19. Sarah Cornett, Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
20. Diane Walkup, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
21. Tiffany McBain, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
22. Bill Kupinse, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
23. Pete Weymiller, Gig Harbor, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
24. Mitchell Shook, Advanced Stream, speaking on Ordinance No. 28650.
25. Anna Doty, Washington Environmental Council, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
26. Steven Storms, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
27. Eric Scheir, Commission for People with disAbilities, speaking on Ordinance No. 28649.
28. Lisa Grimm, Sunrise Movement, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
29. Victoria Rosales, Sunrise Movement, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
30. Vera McLaughlin, Sunrise Movement, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
31. Rebecca Stith, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40508 and 40509 and Ordinance No. 28649.
32. William Golding, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
33. Kenzie Knapp, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
34. Kit Burns, 1010 6th Avenue, speaking on Ordinance No. 28650.
35. Rich Langsford, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28650.
36. Marilyn Kimmerling, 4414 North 34th Street, speaking on Resolution No. 40509 and Ordinance No. 28650.
37. Nathan Schumer, Sunrise Movement, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
38. Nola Thury, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
39. Erin Lungwitz, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
40. Eric Cederstrand, 304 North Stadium Way, speaking on Ordinance No. 28648.
41. Albert Godwin, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28648.
42. Elly Claus-McGahan, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
43. Jim House, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28649.
44. Sarah Dormer, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
45. Peter Fink, Seattle, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
46. Sowmya Kannan, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.
47. David Thompson, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40509.

Public Comment ended at 6:57 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

- 13. [RES40499](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Presidio Networked Solutions Group, LLC, in the amount of \$249,123.45, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Radio Communications Equipment Fund, for the purchase of fiber optic network equipment for the City's Public Safety Radio System - NASPO ValuePoint AR233. [Steve Taylor, IT Manager; Daniel Key, Director, Information Technology Department]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40499.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and McCarthy

- 14. [RES40500](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Carahsoft Technology, in the amount of \$126,538.00, plus applicable taxes, for a total of \$323,112.84, budgeted from the Information Systems Fund, for purchase of a second year of the Socrata Open Data and Performance Data Cloud subscription and support - GSA Schedule No. GS-35F-0119Y. [Kathy Vaughan, Manager; Daniel Key, Director, Information Technology]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40500.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and McCarthy

15. [RES40501](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Colemon and Associates, in the amount of \$189,350, plus applicable taxes, for a total of \$302,650, budgeted from various departmental funds, for consultation and technical assistance services - Direct Negotiation.
[Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 40501, including waiving formal bidding procedures.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 6 - Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms and Ushka
Absent: 2 - Beale and McCarthy
Recused: 1 - Mayor Woodards

RESOLUTIONS

16. [RES40502](#) A resolution creating the Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma to advise on policies, codes, plans, and practices through a youth lens; providing a platform for youth engagement in policy making decisions and local government; appointing the founding leadership team; and directing the City Manager to provide staff support.
[Bucoda Warren, Senior Management Fellow; Tadd Wille, Deputy City Manager, City Manager's Office]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40502.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards
Absent: 2 - Beale and McCarthy

17. [RES40503](#) A resolution designating the Charles Hebard and Franke Tobey Jones House, located at 423 North "D" Street, as a City Landmark and placing said property on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places.
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40503.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 5 - Blocker, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms and Mayor Woodards
Absent: 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Ushka

18. [RES40504](#) A resolution designating the Co-Responder Program, as a Special Project of Limited Duration, and designating general salary classifications and benefits for persons employed on said project, for a term of up to five years.
[Laura Morris, TFD CARES Program Manager; Toryono Green, Fire Chief]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40504.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 5 - Blocker, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms and Mayor Woodards
Absent: 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Ushka

19. [RES40505](#) A resolution approving amendments to 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development projects, to reprogram prior year funds for community projects.

[Daniel Murillo, Housing Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40505.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and McCarthy

20. [RES40506](#) A resolution adopting the priority issues for the 2020 sessions of the United States Congress and Washington State Legislature.
[Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager; Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40506.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and McCarthy

21. [RES40507](#) A resolution formalizing recent coordination improvements for the City’s government relations operations and outlining additional structural actions to enhance the harmony and effectiveness of government relations efforts between General Government and the Department of Public Utilities.

[Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager; Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40507.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and McCarthy

22. [RES40508](#) This is the first reading of a resolution amending the *Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma* by adding a new rule, Rule 8.B, entitled “Amendments to Motions, Resolutions, and Ordinances,” to establish best practices related to amending Council legislation; by changing the name of “Citizens’ Forum” to “Community Forum”; and by changing references from “citizen” to “resident” or “community member.”

[Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40508.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

ACTION: Resolution No. 40508 was set over for second reading next week per Rule 8.C of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma.

23. [RES40509](#) A resolution relating to the reality of climate change, and declaring that these threats, while long-term, require immediate actions to minimize harm to current and future generations and therefore constitutes a public emergency; and expressing the City Council's support of initiatives that mitigate the impact.
[Council Member Mello]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40509.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and McCarthy

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

24. [ORD28639](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for represented employees, and changes in classifications to reflect the organizational structure.
[Kari Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager;
Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28639. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and McCarthy

25. [ORD28640](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 2.02 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Building Code, by adding a new Section 2.02.136 entitled “Amendment to IBC Chapter 4 - by deletion and replacement of the WA State amendment Section 427 - Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure,” to incorporate new provisions that merge Land Use and Building Codes related to electric vehicle charging infrastructure and readiness and coincides with the State of Washington’s adoption of changes to state building codes.
[Kristi Lynett, Sustainability Officer; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28640. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and McCarthy

26. [ORD28641](#) An ordinance amending Chapters 11.05 and 11.55 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Model Traffic Ordinance and Heavy Haul Industrial Corridor, to revise City regulations applicable to street traffic.
[Brennan Kidd, P.E., Principal Engineer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28641. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and McCarthy

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

27. [ORD28642](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.01 of the Municipal Code, relating to Utility Charges, to extend the waiver of power and water utility connection and inspection fees for cities in Tacoma Power and Tacoma Water service territories during the current declared state of emergency, relating to the conditions of homeless encampments located in the City; effective January 1, 2020 and until the declared state of emergency has ended.
[Tom Morrill, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28642 was set over for final reading next week.

28. [ORD28643](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to Water - Regulations and Rates, for wholesale rate adjustments, effective January 1, 2020; System Development Charge adjustments, effective January 1, 2020; and Fixed Fees adjustments, effective January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2024; and repealing Ordinance No. 28614 in its entirety. [Lyna Vo, Utilities Economist; Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent].

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28643 was set over for final reading next week.

29. [ORD28644](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.45 of the Municipal Code, relating to Neighborhood Councils, to adopt proposed changes to the Neighborhood Council Program. [Bucoda Warren, Senior Management Fellow; Allyson Griffith, Program Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28644 was set over for final reading next week.

30. [ORD28645](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.95 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Rental Housing Code, to update language to reflect Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5600 and the State of Washington's Residential Landlord-Tenant Act regarding notification requirements for pay-or-vacate notices. [Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28645 was set over for final reading next week.

31. [ORD28646](#) An ordinance amending Title 18 of the Municipal Code, relating to Minimum Employment Standards, by repealing in its entirety Chapter 18.20, entitled "Minimum Wage", and relying on Washington State minimum wage law and the Department of Labor and Industries enforcement. [Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28646 was set over for final reading next week.

32. [ORD28647](#) An ordinance amending Subtitle 6A of the Municipal Code, relating to the Tax Code, to change the due date for annual business and occupation tax returns, and to simplify how taxpayers apportion income reported under the service and other tax classification.

[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28647 was set over for final reading next week.

33. [ORD28648](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.110 of the Municipal Code, relating to Property Tax Exemptions for Multi-Family Housing, to update affordability and equity in contracting requirements, effective March 1, 2020.

[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28648 was set over for final reading next week.

34. [ORD28649](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.29 of the Municipal Code, related to the Human Rights Commission, by adding a new Section 1.29.190, entitled "Provision of Universal Closed Captioning," to require persons owning or managing a place of public accommodations to activate closed captioning on television receivers located within the City, effective March 1, 2020.

[Lucas Smiraldo, Management Analyst II; Diane Powers, Director, Office of Equity and Human Rights]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28649 was set over for final reading next week.

35. [ORD28650](#) An ordinance granting a non-exclusive 20-year franchise agreement to Rainier Connect North LLC, a Washington limited liability company, to construct, operate, maintain, and provide cable television services in the City.

[Jeff Lueders, Cable Communications and Franchise Services Manager; Tanisha Jumper, Director, Media and Communications Office]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28650 was set over for final reading on January 7, 2020.

36. [ORD28651](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Administration, to update the formal bid and governing body threshold, clarify language related to the authorization to pay recurring software license and maintenance fees, standardize contract amendment authority, and clarify parameters for governing body approval of Citywide contracts and other minor updates.
[Patsy Best, Procurement and Payables Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28651 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Citizens' Forum began at 8:59 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kathy Lawhon, resident, speaking on housing and developers.
2. Sean Arent, resident, speaking on citizens' forum and legislative agenda, and annexing Point Ruston.
3. Kyle Jolibois, 430 Broadway, speaking on traffic safety, power outages, and housing costs.
4. Joseph T. Stiles, resident, speaking on high-density housing.
5. Jeanne Purdy, 1739 South Proctor Street, speaking on zoning related to the Tacoma Behavioral Hospital.
6. Bonni Parker, 1733 South Proctor Street, speaking on zoning related to the Tacoma Behavioral Hospital.
7. Steven Storms, resident, speaking on environmental policies and the tideflats.
8. Ed Ford, resident, speaking on fraud and code issues.
9. Kalina Anderson, resident, speaking on fraud and code issues.
10. Keira Ford, resident, speaking on fraud and code issues.
11. Kit Burns, 1010 6th Avenue, speaking on broadband.
12. Isaac Walls, resident, speaking on policing and privacy.
13. Marilyn Kimmerling, resident, speaking on Tacoma Community College wetlands.
14. Laura Powell, Auburn, speaking on censoring public comment.
15. Howard Anderson, resident, speaking on zoning.
16. Alexandra Mather, Pierce Transit (PT), speaking on PT's long-range plan.

Citizens' Forum ended at 9:38 p.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 meeting today, the Committee heard presentations on food innovation, Tacoma’s Economic Development strategic plan, Lead Agencies, and collaboration and communication regarding Economic Development reporting. He concluded by stating the December 24, 2019 and December 31, 2019 meetings have been cancelled, and the next meeting will be held on January 14, 2020 in Conference Room 248 of the Tacoma Municipal Building, at 10:00 a.m.

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MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to excuse Deputy Mayor McCarthy and Council Member Beale from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and McCarthy

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk