



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

September 19, 2017

5:00 PM

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Walker Lee

Council Member Blocker arrived at 5:10 p.m.

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Ibsen.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [17-0944](#) Pierce Transit Development Plan: 2017-2022.

## CONSENT AGENDA

2. [17-0948](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, August 22, 2017.

## RESOLUTIONS

3.     [RES39811](#)     A resolution setting Thursday, October 26, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of Broadway, lying between South 9th and South 11th Streets, to provide an area for ramped access to the back storage area, freight elevator vestibule, and space for two offices at the Broadway Center for the Performing Arts. (City of Tacoma; File No. 124.1380) [Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]
4.     [RES39812](#)     A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Washington Multi-City Business License and Tax Portal Agency Interlocal Agreement, to modify the method for allocating costs among the cities of Bellevue, Everett, Seattle, and Tacoma for years 2019-2021. [Danielle Larson, Tax and License Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Walker Lee

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

5.     [17-0932](#)     Proclaiming September 15-24, 2017 as Welcoming Week.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed September 15-24, 2017 as Welcoming Week and presented the proclamation to Ms. Liz Dunbar, Executive Director for the Tacoma Community House.

Council Member Blocker arrived here, at 5:10 p.m.

6. [17-0918](#) Proclaiming October 2017 as Neighborhood Council Recognition Month.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed October 2017 as Neighborhood Council Recognition Month and presented the proclamation to Ms. Marion Weed, Community Council of Tacoma.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment began at 5:17 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Vince Kueter, 817 North Grant, speaking on Ordinance No. 28453.
2. Lelah Vaga, 3245 158th Avenue Southeast, Bellevue, speaking on Ordinance No. 28454.
3. Joe Bushnell, 6039 South Montgomery Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28453.
4. Lillian Ferraz, 5504 East E Street, speaking on Welcoming Week proclamation.
5. Ona Deane-Gordly, 1229 202nd Street East, Spanaway, speaking on Welcoming Week proclamation.
6. Monique Letourneau, East Tacoma, Tacoma Public Schools teacher, speaking on Welcoming Week proclamation.
7. Doug Orth, Absher Construction, speaking on Resolution No. 39815.
8. Star Murray, speaking on Welcoming Week proclamation.
9. Mr. Luo and Albert Sze, North America Asset Management, speaking on Resolution No. 39815.
10. Troy Spurlock, Horizon Commerce Partners, speaking on Resolution No. 39816.
11. Mike Bartlett, Horizon Commerce Partners, speaking on Resolution No. 39816.
12. William Gish, 6043 South Oakes Street, speaking on Welcoming Week proclamation.

Public comment ended at 5:45 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES39813](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Business Interiors Northwest, Inc., in the amount of \$2,200,000, plus applicable sales tax, for a total amount of \$4,200,000, budgeted from various departmental funds, for Citywide Herman Miller furniture and related services, through May 31, 2020 - U.S. Communities Contract No. 4400003403.  
[Patsy Best, Procurement and Payables Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39813.**

**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 Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Walker Lee

8. [RES39814](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Standard Parts Corporation, in the amount of \$200,000, plus applicable sales tax, for a total contract amount of \$400,000, budgeted from various departmental funds, for Citywide automotive parts, through August 9, 2018 - Washington State Department of Enterprise Services Contract No. 01809.  
[Patsy Best, Procurement and Payables Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39814.**

**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 Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Walker Lee

## RESOLUTIONS

9.        [RES39815](#)     A resolution authorizing the execution of an Amended and Restated Agreement and Quit Claim Deeds with North America Asset Management Group, LLC, for the development of the Town Center located between South 21st and South 23rd Streets and Jefferson Avenue to Tacoma Avenue.  
[Elly Walkowiak, Assistant Director; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39815.**

**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 Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Walker Lee

10.       [RES39816](#)     A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Horizon Commerce Partners LLC, for the development of 49 multi-family market-rate units, located at 2109 South C Street in the Downtown Mixed-Use Center.  
[Debbie Bingham, Economic Development Specialist; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39816.**

**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 Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Walker Lee

11. [RES39817](#) A resolution authorizing the use of up to \$15,000 of City Council Contingency Funds, for expenditures related to the 2017 Tacoma Reads Together Program.  
[Mayor Strickland and Council Members Campbell and Walker Lee]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39817.**

**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 Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Walker Lee

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

12. [ORD28451](#) 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, Supervisors' Unit.  
[Kari Louie, Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Walker Lee

13. [ORD28452](#) An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of limited tax general obligation bonds, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$35,000,000, to finance various capital improvements and acquisitions; to construct, improve, rehabilitate, and equip public infrastructure, including the Tacoma Dome and other facilities; to pay costs of issuing the bonds; and delegating the authority to approve the final terms of the bonds.  
[Teresa Sedmak, City Treasurer; 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 Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Walker Lee

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

14. [ORD28453](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 18.10, entitled “Paid Leave”, to align City code requirements with the State’s paid sick leave law which takes effect on January 1, 2018.  
[Melanie Harding, Employment Standards Project Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28453 was set over for final reading next week.**

15. [ORD28454](#) An ordinance granting a non-exclusive franchise to Seattle SMSA Limited Partnership d.b.a. Verizon Wireless, to construct, operate, and maintain a telecommunications system within the City.  
[Jeff Lueders, Franchise Services Manager; Gwen Schuler, Director, Media and Communications]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28454 was set over for final reading on October 10, 2017.**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli announced the Office of Management and Budget has received a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. She stated this award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and reflects a commitment to meeting the highest principles of budgeting.

## COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

### Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Mello, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, stated on August 9, 2017, the Committee received an update on the Safe Routes to School program. He stated on August 23, 2017, the Committee was briefed on the Transportation Master Plan Performance Measures, which provides a long-term vision for transportation infrastructure, was given an update on the status of

Green Roads in our community, and received a briefing on the improvements to the Capital Improvement Projects webpage. Finally, he reported on September 13, 2017, Committee members took a tour of the Tacoma Mall subarea plan area and heard from residents and businesses about the potential impacts of the proposed changes. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be September 27, 2017, and will include interviews for the Transportation Commission and updates on the parking initiative and model traffic ordinance.

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Council Member Ibsen stated earlier this year the City Council set up an anchor institution framework for local economic development and community building, and this Friday the University of Puget Sound will be hosting the first official convening of this effort and this is the first of many conversation for local projects and pooling resources for community building. He invited everyone to attend on Friday, September 22, 2017, at 8:00 p.m. at Thompson Hall.

Council Member Campbell stated on Saturday, September 23, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., at First Creek Middle School, there will be a construction celebration for the Eastside Community Center, which is a project many years in the making. He invited everyone to attend the celebration and festivities, including an obstacle course, flag football, bubble soccer, arts projects, and free food for the first 500 people.

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to excuse Council Member Walker Lee from the meeting tonight.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Walker Lee



**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk