



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

June 23, 2015

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Walker

Council Member Thoms participated telephonically.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Woodards.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [15-0656](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee special meeting, September 24, 2014.
2. [15-0659](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, October 22, 2014.
3. [15-0657](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee special meeting, November 12, 2014.
4. [15-0658](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, December 10, 2014.
5. [15-0661](#) Minutes of the Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee, January 8, 2015.
6. [15-0662](#) Minutes of the Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee, February 26, 2015.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to suspend the rules to add an additional Ordinance, Ordinance No. 28301, to tonight's agenda after item 13 on the Regular Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES39220](#) A resolution setting Thursday, July 30, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate the alley between East 29th Street and East 30th Street, from the east margin of Portland Avenue to the west margin of East "R" Street, for the construction of a multi-level parking garage structure in preparation for the Emerald Queen Casino relocation. (Puyallup Tribe of Indians; File No. 124.1350)
[Ronda Cornforth, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39220.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39220, was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Walker

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. [15-0654](#) Presentation of the Vision 2040 Award for the Downtown Tacoma Regional Growth Center Plans.

Josh Brown, Executive Director of the Pierce County Regional Council, presented the Vision 2040 Award to the City Council.

9. [15-0655](#) Recognizing the second quarter Human Rights Champion Award recipient.

Rich McGrue, Human Rights Commission Member, and Larry Strege recognized the second quarter Human Rights Champion Award recipient Norman Fournier.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:13 p.m.

Speaking before the Council:

1. Jennifer Bradley, citizen, speaking on Resolution Nos. 39221, 39222, and 39223.

Public Comment ended at 5:18 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES39221](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with TranTech Engineering, LLC, in the amount of \$250,000, for a cumulative total of \$1,871,206, sales tax not included, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, to provide continued professional services during the rehabilitation of the Tacoma Avenue South Bridge - Specification No. PW12-0185F.
[Chris E. Larson, P.E., Engineering Division Manager;
Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39221.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Walker

RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES39222](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a 2014 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan agreement with the Washington State Public Works Board, in the amount of \$12,120,000, to finance the Green River Filtration Facility Project. [Chris McMeen, Deputy Water Superintendent; Linda McCrea, Water Superintendent]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39222.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Walker

12. [RES39223](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a non-exclusive, perpetual easement to Sierra Pacific Industries for the amount of \$20,000; accepting and depositing said sum into the Tacoma Rail Mountain Division Administration Fund, for ingress, egress, and utilities at Tacoma Rail Mountain Division right-of-way in the Frederickson area of Pierce County. [Gloria Fletcher, Senior Real Estate Officer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39223.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Walker

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

13. [ORD28300](#) An ordinance repealing and reenacting Chapter 2.04 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Electrical Code, to update electrical licensing and permitting requirements, definitions, and certain fees and penalties.
[James Hellman, Chief Electrical Inspector; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28300 was set over for final reading on June 30, 2015.

- [ORD28301](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 9.08 of the Municipal Code, relating to Street Occupancies, to eliminate the \$120 application fee for review and processing of sidewalk café permits.
[Jana Magoon, Planning Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28301 was set over for final reading on June 30, 2015.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

14. [15-0630](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amended for the years 2014-2015 and 2016-2021.
[Jennifer Kammerzell, Senior Engineer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

The public hearing began at 5:37 p.m.

Speaking before the Council:

1. Robert Hill, P.O. Box 5006.
2. Jennifer Bradley, citizen.

The public hearing ended at 5:55 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated there will be another opportunity for community input at a public meeting on the draft paid leave rules and regulations on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the

Tacoma Public Library Main Branch.

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 May 13, 2015 the Committee interviewed candidates for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission. He then reported on May 27, 2015 the Committee received briefings on code amendments for work/live building uses, an agreement with Metro Parks for excavation work needed on the Point Defiance Regional Stormwater Facility Project, and the Comprehensive Plan 2015 update. He stated on June 10, 2015 the Committee interviewed one candidate for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission and recommended a candidate for appointment, then staff presented the Transportation Master Plan and public outreach, a briefing on a study that explored the potential for the State Landscape Conservation and Local Infrastructure Program, and information on options for the City to assist homeowners with costly repair of side sewers. He stated the next meeting will be June 24, 2015 and the Committee will interview candidates for the Planning Commission.

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Council Member Campbell thanked staff and the Healthy Homes, Healthy Neighborhoods initiative for collaborating with community groups for the depaving project in the Dometop Neighborhood McKinley Business District. He stated on June 27, 2015 the Lincoln West and Jennie Reed neighborhoods will have a community cleanup at Jennie Reed Elementary school, and the Whitman, Lincoln LAWGS, Lincoln South, Lincoln East, and Tanglewood communities will have a community cleanup at Lincoln High School. He then stated on Thursday the Lincoln District will have an open house at 2:00 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m. He invited everyone in the neighborhoods to attend. He also invited everyone to attend the recently opened Eastside Farmer’s Market.

Council Member Ibsen invited everyone to attend the Taste of Tacoma this weekend at Point Defiance Park.

Mayor Strickland stated the next week is anticipated to have high temperatures and reminded everyone to take care of each other and their pets and stay cool and hydrated.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to excuse Council Member Walker from the meeting tonight.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk