



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

April 29, 2014

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

FLAG SALUTE

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Mello.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. **14-0326** Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, March 12, 2014.
2. **14-0327** Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, March 12, 2014.
3. **14-0328** Minutes of the Tacoma Planning Commission, April 2, 2014.
4. **14-0325** Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, March 19, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. **14-0290** Minutes of the City Council meeting of February 11, 2014.

RESOLUTIONS

6. **RES38892** A resolution setting Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at approximately 5:30 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program for years 2015-2020 and the Amended 2013-2014 Transportation Program.
[Dan Seabrands, Assistant Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 38892.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 38892, was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. **14-0335** Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Tacoma Buddhist Temple.
Mayor Strickland recognized the 100th Anniversary of the Tacoma Buddhist Temple and presented the recognition to Mr. Kojo Kakihara, sensei at the temple, and Mr. Jeff Hiroo, President of the Board.
8. **14-0337** Proclaiming May 2014 as American Stroke Month.
Mayor Strickland proclaimed May 2014 as American Stroke Month and presented the proclamation to Ms. Karen Dionne, found of "Reclaiming Ourselves", an online support group for young adult stroke survivors; and Mr. Michael Dionne, Chair of the American Heart Association's Men's Go Red.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:18 p.m.

No one came forward to address the Council.

Public comment ended at 5:19 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

9. **RES38893** A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Harlow Construction Co, Inc., in the amount of \$105,000, sales tax not applicable, for a cumulative total of \$305,000, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, to increase and extend the contract for sandy soil used in the creation of TAGRO soil amendments through September 30, 2015 - Specification No. PW10-0047F.
[Daniel C. Thompson, Ph.D., Business Operations Division Manager;
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38893.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

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

Ayes: 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

10. **RES38894** A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Gem Shavings LLC, in the amount of \$315,000, sales tax not applicable, for a cumulative total of \$700,000, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, to increase and extend the contract for sawdust used in the creation of TAGRO soil amendment products through September 30, 2015 - Specification No. PW10-0395F.
[Daniel C. Thompson, Ph.D., Business Operations Division Manager;
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38894.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

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

Ayes: 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

- 11. RES38895** A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Swanson Bark and Wood Products Inc., in the amount of \$300,000, sales tax not applicable, for a cumulative total of \$500,000, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, to increase and extend the contract for black bark used in the creation of TAGRO potting soil through June 30, 2016 - Specification No. PW10-0844F. [Daniel C. Thompson, Ph.D., Business Operations Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38895.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

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

Ayes: 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

- 12. RES38896** A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Agilent Technologies, in the amount of \$45,309.27, plus sales tax, for a cumulative total of \$201,513.33, budgeted from the Fire Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund, to increase the contract for accessory equipment, installation, training and consulting services to assist the Fire Department to operate a portable gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer - Sole Source. [Roger Edington, Assistant Fire Chief; James P. Duggan, Chief, Tacoma Fire Department]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38896.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

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

Ayes: 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

13. **ORD28214** An ordinance renewing a non-exclusive franchise to Level 3 Communications, LLC, to construct, operate, and repair a telecommunications system throughout the City of Tacoma.
[Jeff Lueders, Cable Communications and Franchise Services Manager;
T.C. Broadnax, City Manager]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28214.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Walker,
Woodards and Mayor Strickland

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

14. **ORD28219** An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for a new classification entitled Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator-in-Training, represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Water Pollution Control Unit.
[Tara Schaak, Labor Negotiator; Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28219 was set over for final reading next week.

15. **ORD28220** An ordinance amending Chapter 6B.60 of the Municipal Code, relating to Boilers - Engineers and Fireman Certificates, to provide an exemption for the operation of hot water boilers at the Central Treatment Plant.
[Hugh Messer, Interim Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28220 was set over for final reading next week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

16. **14-0317** This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the Draft Hilltop Subarea Plan and proposed amendments to Chapters 13.06 and 13.17 of the Municipal Code, relating to Zoning and Mixed-Use Center Development.
[Brian Boudet, Planning Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

The public hearing began at 5:30 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

1. Josh Rizeberg, 1009 South M Street
2. Mario Lorenz, 816 South L Street
3. Reverend Spencer Barrett, 1223 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way
4. Whitried Brady, 1231 South Ridgewood Avenue
5. Connie Brown, 1323 South Yakima Avenue
6. Demitrus Jackson, 1922 South State Street
7. Sandy Burgess, 1506 North 8th Street
8. Mike Valentine, 1118 South 13th Street
9. Bil Moss, 7239 Rosenwood C.
10. Al Nieran, 5616 66th Avenue West
11. Tom McCarthy, 811 South Cushman
12. Fannie Kelly, 5319 64th Avenue West
13. Justin Leighton, 2149 South M Street
14. Linda Isham, citizen
15. Patricia Menzies, citizen
16. Janelle Awol Green, citizen

The public hearing ended at 6:10 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated that the City of Tacoma has been selected to receive a \$250,000 national grant for the development of a subarea plan for the Tacoma Mall Regional Growth Center. He also announced that the City's new arts television program, ArtTown, won silver and bronze Telly Awards for excellence.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Campbell stated since the last report, the Economic Development Committee heard an update on key financial indicators for fourth quarter 2013; received a presentation from the Puget Sound Regional Council on Tacoma's strengths and economic development opportunities for the future; heard presentations from the Tacoma Arts Commission on 2013 accomplishments and plans for 2014; heard a presentation from the Foss Waterway Development Authority on a recap of 2013, and future development opportunities and needs for 2014 and beyond. He stated the Committee also heard about the potential for installing artwork on Tacoma Dome; heard from Simpson Investment Company on the timber industry and new housing

construction, and potential impacts to the Tacoma job market and City revenue; and finally, learned about the Community and Economic Development Department 's plans to conduct a review of the Neighborhood Business District program this year. He stated at the Committee's next meeting, they are scheduled to hear about Goodwill job training programs and recommendations on the Small Business Enterprise program.

Council Member Boe reminded everyone that May is Bike Month, and related events can be found at bike253.com. He noted the kick-off for Bike Month is this Saturday, May 3, 2014 with the Tacoma Wheelmen's Club from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. to get bikes, parts, and accessories. He announced that Thursday, May 1, 2014 is the opening day of the Broadway Farmer's Market and Bike to Market Day and the first 50 people who verify that they arrived by bike will get a \$2 token to be spent at the market, and on Friday, those interested can get their bike interdenominationally blessed at the Blessing of the Bikes at Urban Grace Church at 8:00 a.m.

Council Member Boe also noted in honor of both Bike Month and Historic Preservation Month, on Saturday, May 10, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. individuals can join in a Tweed Ride from the Point Defiance Pagoda, along the route of Tacoma's first street car line, down 6th Avenue to downtown. He then stated May is also Historic Preservation Month, and this weekend, those interested can join the Historic Homes Tour of Tacoma's tour of North Tacoma highlights on Saturday and Sunday. Finally, he noted for youth interested in theater, the Tacoma Musical Playhouse has a special production of *The Prince and the Pauper* on Saturday and Sunday.

Council Member Mello announced the Harvest Pierce County Community Garden Summit at Gray Middle School this weekend from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He noted the event is free and family-friendly with childcare and lunch provided for attendees and those interested can register at harvestpiercecounty.org.

Council Member Lonergan thanked everyone who came out to last weekend's community cleanup, and announced that this weekend's cleanup will take place in the Spooner Tract, Fern Hill, Blueberry Park neighborhood, with collection of unwanted items for disposal at Larchmont Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday. He stated the cleanup schedule can be found at: cityoftacoma.org/communitycleanup.

Council Member Ibsen added that the Guadalupe Gala and silent auction is this Saturday at Holy Cross Parish will raise money for Guadalupe House, and celebrate Father Bill "Bix" Bicschel's birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk