



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma, WA 98402

City Council Chambers

**March 04, 2014**

**5:00 PM**

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## **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 Walker.

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

## **ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

1. **14-0161** Minutes of the Human Rights Commission, December 19, 2013.
2. **14-0162** Minutes of the Human Rights Commission, January 16, 2014.
3. **14-0130** Minutes of the Joint Municipal Action Committee, January 10, 2014.
4. **14-0163** Minutes of the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, November 7, 2013.
5. **14-0158** Minutes of the Tacoma Planning Commission, as amended, February 5, 2014.
6. **14-0164** Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, January 15, 2014.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES (First and Final Reading)

7. **ORD28206** An ordinance approving and confirming the Assessment Roll for Local Improvement District No. 7723 for the conversion of the overhead primary electrical distribution, utilities, telephone and cable-television systems to underground along the alley between North 29th and North 30th Streets from White to Junett Streets and North 30th Street east of White Street to Junett Street. [Ralph Rodriguez, L.I.D. Administrator; Kurtis D Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt the consent agenda, including Ordinance No. 28206.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28206.**

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

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the adoption of the Consent Agenda, including Ordinance No. 28206.**

**The Consent Agenda, including Ordinance No. 28206, was declared adopted.**

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

### PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. **14-0166** Proclaiming March 2014 as Women's History Month.  
Mayor Strickland proclaimed March 2014 as Women's History Month and presented the proclamation to Dr. Natalie Jolly of the University of Washington-Tacoma, Carol Mitchell of the Tacoma Association of Colored Women's Clubs, and Paula Eismann of the League of Women Voters.

9.      **14-0170**      Presentation of Key to the City to Derek “DC” Clark.  
Mayor Strickland presented the Key to the City to Derek "DC" Clark.  
Deputy Mayor Woodards reviewed Mr. Clark's accomplishments, including most recently being named Producer of the Year at the 29th Annual Stellar Awards for gospel music.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment began at 5:24 p.m.

No one came forward to address the Council.

Public comment ended at 5:25 p.m.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS**

10.      **RES38854**      A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Northwest Cascade, Inc., in the amount of \$95,000, plus sales tax, for a cumulative total of \$737,972.28, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, to increase the contract for safety and mobility improvements along Pacific Avenue - Specification No. PW12-0469F.  
[Darius Thompson, Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38854.**

**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. **RES38855** A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Totem Electric of Tacoma, Inc., in the amount of \$98,000, sales tax not applicable, for a cumulative total of \$1,019,999.13, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, to increase and extend the contract for design and construction services required to improve the South 25th Street Corridor - Specification No. PW13-0012F.  
[Said Seddiki, Senior Engineer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38855.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Ibsen

## **RESOLUTIONS**

12. **RES38856** A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with Teamsters Local Union No. 117, General Unit, to provide for an application of rate of 5 percent for employees working in the classification of Heavy Equipment Operator, when scheduled to train a Solid Waste Worker or an Equipment Operator on specialized Solid Waste equipment.  
[David Topaz, Labor Negotiator; Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38856.**

**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.     **ORD28205**     An ordinance amending Chapter 8.44 of the Municipal Code, relating to Offenses Against Property, by enacting a new Section 8.44.160, to be entitled “Criminal Mischief”, changing the crime of “Riot” to the crime of “Criminal Mischief”, to comply with state law.  
[Keith Echterling, Deputy City Attorney; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28205.**

**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.     **ORD28207**     An ordinance amending Chapters 6B.10 and 6B.20 of the Municipal Code, relating to General License Provisions and Annual Business Licenses, to clarify rental property owner and business license requirements and align administrative provisions with tax administrative provisions.  
[Danielle Larson, Division Manager, Tax & License; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28207 was set over for final reading on March 18, 2014.**

15.     **ORD28208**     An ordinance amending Title 6 of the Municipal Code, entitled “Tax and License Code”, by amending various sections to correct language and citations that are not consistent with other sections in the Municipal Code and the Revised Code of Washington.  
[Danielle Larson, Division Manager, Tax & License; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28208 was set over for final reading on March 18, 2014.**

16.     **ORD28209**     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 Teamsters Local Union No 117, General Unit.  
[David Topaz, Labor Negotiator; Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28209 was set over for final reading on March 18, 2014.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated the weather forecast for the next 24 to 36 hours could bring several inches of rain and high winds, which may bring down trees, or create mudslides and localized flooding. He stated City workers will be dealing with issues as they arise, but should roads be blocked, they will likely be left closed until daylight.

## **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 from Connie Ladenburg, president of the Public Facilities District, on their 2013 activities and plans for 2014; and received an update from the Planning and Development Services Department on efforts to streamline the City permitting process. He stated at the next meeting, the Committee is scheduled to hear a report on key financial indicators from the fourth quarter of 2013.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to reschedule Citizens' Forum from Tuesday, March 11, 2014 to Tuesday, March 18, 2014.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.**

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

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

Council Member Boe announced the next Tacoma Sister Cities International Film Festival film, Tae Guk-Gi, from Tacoma's sister city, Gunsan, Korea. He stated the film begins at 7:00 p.m. at the University of Puget Sound. He then reiterated his recent announcements regarding the opt-out option for Tacoma News Tribune advertising circulars. He stated to opt-out, citizens can send an email to: [customerservice@thenewstribune.com](mailto:customerservice@thenewstribune.com), or call 1-800-289-8711.

Council Member Thoms announced a series of community meetings coming up related to pedestrian improvements around Tacoma. He stated the first meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2014 at the Norpoint Community Center.

Council Member Campbell reminded all to clear out drains in advance of the upcoming heavy rain forecasts. He also explained that his recently shaved head is in solidarity for friends recently diagnosed with cancer.

Council Member Mello congratulated and thanked the City's Office of Sustainability and everyone who helped to make the South Sound Sustainability Expo a success.

Council Member Ibsen announced the ribbon-cutting for the new Alaska Credit Union opening at Westgate North this Friday.

Mayor Strickland shared that the Request for Proposal recently issued for a citywide strategic planning process comes directly from a recommendation made by the City's Fiscal Sustainability Task Force, that the City undertake an inclusive, long-term visioning exercise. She thanked in advance everyone who will take part in the process.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk