



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

September 16, 2014

5:00 PM

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:04 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. 14-0841 Minutes of the City Events and Recognitions Committee, June 23, 2014.
2. 14-0842 Minutes of the City Events and Recognitions Committee, July 28, 2014.
3. 14-0811 Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, August 12, 2014.
4. 14-0812 Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, August 13, 2014.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to suspend the rules to add an additional resolution, Resolution No. 39011, to tonight's agenda as the first item on the Consent Agenda.

**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

## CONSENT AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

**RES39011** A resolution setting Tuesday, September 30, 2014, at approximately 5:30 p.m., as the date for a second public hearing by the City Council on the draft North Downtown Subarea Plan and proposed amendments to the Municipal Code Chapter 13.06A, Downtown Tacoma.  
[Ian Munce, Special Assistant to the Director; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

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

5. **ORD28243** An ordinance approving and confirming the Assessment Roll for Local Improvement District No. 3966 for the construction of an 8-inch sanitary sewer main extension from South Madison Street, south of South 69th Street and terminating at South Proctor Street.  
[Ralph Rodriguez, L.I.D. Administrator; Phyllis Macleod, Hearing Examiner]
6. **ORD28244** An ordinance approving and confirming the Assessment Roll for Local Improvement District No. 5727 for the construction of 8-inch water mains along South 69th Street, from Madison to Durango Streets; and along Proctor Street, from South 69th Street north approximately 250 feet.  
[Ralph Rodriguez, L.I.D. Administrator; Phyllis Macleod, Hearing Examiner]

7. **ORD28245** An ordinance approving and confirming the Assessment Roll for Local Improvement District No. 7725 for the installation of underground primary electrical distribution, utilities, telephone, and cable-television lines along Proctor Street, from South 66th to South 69th Streets; and in South 69th Street from Proctor Street east approximately 150 feet.  
[Ralph Rodriguez, L.I.D. Administrator; Phyllis Macleod, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39011 and First and Final Reading of Ordinance Nos. 28243, 28244, and 28245.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance Nos. 28243, 28244, and 28245.**

**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

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39011 and First and Final Reading of Ordinance Nos. 28243, 28244, and 28245 was declared adopted.**

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

## **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

8. **14-0853** Presentation of the Mayor's selection for Tacoma Reads 2014.

Mayor Strickland and Mr. Eric Hanberg, Chair of Tacoma Reads Together, announced the Mayor's selection for Tacoma Reads 2014, "Nickel and Dimed."

9. 14-0851 Presentation of the National Association of Clean Water Agency Platinum and Gold Awards; and the Department of Ecology's Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance Award for the North End and Central Wastewater Treatment Plants.

Ms. Jody Bratton, Assistant Division Manager, Environmental Services Operations and Maintenance, presented information on the National Association of Clean Water Agency Platinum and Gold Awards; and the Department of Ecology's Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance Award for the North End and Central Wastewater Treatment Plants.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment began at 5:16 p.m.

No one came forward to address the City Council.

Public comment ended at 5:17 p.m.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **APPOINTMENTS**

10. RES39006 A resolution appointing Katie Evans and Daniel Thomasson to the Citizen Review Panel.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 39006.**

**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**

**PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS**

11.     **RES39007**     A resolution awarding a contract to Active Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$2,523,400, sales tax not applicable, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for the design and construction of pedestrian crossing improvements at over 50 various locations across the City - Specification No. PW14-0171F. [Chris E. Larson, P.E., Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 39007.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.**

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

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

**Recused: 1 - Boe**

12.     **RES39008**     A resolution awarding a contract to Northwest Cascade, Inc., in the amount of \$466,284, plus sales tax, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$512,912.40, budgeted from the Transportation Capital and Surface Water Funds, for improving three alleys and one residential street located in south and east Tacoma, Local Improvement District Nos. 8653 and 8655-2 - Specification No. PW14-0173F. [Chris E. Larson, P.E., Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 39008.**

**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**



13. RES39009 A resolution authorizing the increase of a contract with Fehr & Peers, in the amount of \$475,000, sales tax not applicable, for a cumulative total of \$975,000, budgeted from the General Fund, to perform a Tacoma Tideflats Emergency Response/Intelligent Transportation System (ER/ITS) Study - Specification No. PW13-0377F.  
[Michael Fitzgerald, Assistant to the Chief; James P. Duggan, Chief, Fire Department]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 39009.**

**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

## RESOLUTIONS

14. RES39010 A resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Washington Tacoma (UWT), for the reimbursement of funds associated with the design and construction of a Regional Water Quality Facility as part of the Prairie Line Trail; and authorizing the expenditure of an additional \$569,640, including sales tax, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, for additional construction and drainage improvements in South 21st Street, for a total project cost of \$2,100,000.  
[Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 39010.**

**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

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

- 15. 14-0793** This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed six-month extension of the interim land use regulations concerning the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana.  
[Brian Boudet, Planning Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

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

Speaking before Council:

Duane Dunn, Emerald Leaves

The public hearing ended at 5:46 p.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

No report.

## **COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

### **Neighborhoods and Housing Committee**

Council Member Walker stated at the August 4, 2014 meeting the Committee held a panel discussion exploring the impact and community benefit of four homeownership programs. She stated staff presented maps showing investments in home ownership over time and the Committee heard presentations from the City of Tacoma's Down Payment Assistance Program, the Homeownership Center of Tacoma, Habitat for Humanity and Tacoma Housing Authority.

She then reported at the August 18, 2014 meeting the Committee heard presentations from Neighborhood and Community Services regarding graffiti rapid removal and the Minimum Building and Structures Code. She stated staff discussed the graffiti rapid removal pilot project, the program specifics, the work flow and the recently completed survey of eligible property owners. She noted staff is in the process of reviewing the Minimum Buildings and Structures Code to ensure it is consistent with the International Property

Maintenance Code and the State's Unfit Building Code. The next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2014, and will include presentations on encampment removal and the Projects for Assistance from Homelessness Team.

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Council Member Mello stated he would like to work with the City Attorney's Office for possible dispersion between recreational and medical marijuana facilities, noting current policy has dispersion from sensitive areas such as schools or treatment facilities but does not have dispersion between facilities. Council Member Thoms added he would like to open that discussion to also include buffers relative to the sale of alcohol.

Council Member Boe reviewed upcoming events in Tacoma; including Bike to Work Week, the grand opening of the Prairie Line trail, the 6th Avenue Farmers' Market, the Puget Sound Revels' Tacoma Sings event, Parking Day, and Maritime Fest. He stated there is a lot going on in Tacoma and invited everyone to participate in the great events.

Council Member Campbell stated the mural at the Murray Morgan Bridge was recently completed and will be dedicated on Saturday. He invited everyone to attend the ceremony and encouraged all to have a great meal in the Lincoln Business District.

Deputy Mayor Woodards stated the Elizabeth Wesley Awards will happen this Saturday at the McGavick Center at Clover Park Technical College, noting every year scholarships are awarded to students in Pierce County and a large number of those students come from Tacoma Public Schools.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

  
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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

  
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Doris Sorum, City Clerk