



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

February 24, 2015

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [15-0158](#) Minutes of the Commission on Disabilities, December 18, 2014.
2. [15-0156](#) Minutes of the Human Rights Commission, November 20, 2014.
3. [15-0157](#) Minutes of the Human Rights Commission, December 18, 2014.
4. [15-0175](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, January 28, 2015.
5. [15-0160](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, December 17, 2014.
6. [15-0159](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, December 17, 2014.
7. [15-0118](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, January 12, 2015.
8. [15-0116](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, December 18, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

9. [15-0172](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 4, 2014.
10. [15-0173](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 18, 2014.
11. [15-0174](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole special meeting of December 9, 2014.

RESOLUTIONS

12. [RES39119](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Tacoma, for the design and future replacement of pavement surface on the Port of Tacoma Road.
[Tom Rutherford, P.E., Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39119.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39119, was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. [15-0191](#) Proclaiming February 24, 2015 as World Spay Day in the City of Tacoma.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed February 24, 2015 as World Spay Day in the City of Tacoma and presented the proclamation to Melanie Manista Rushforth, Executive Director of the Northwest Spay and Neuter Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:10 p.m.

Speaking before the Council:

1. Jennifer Kubista, Tacoma School District, speaking on Resolution No. 39128.
2. Lyle Hardin, Ruston, speaking on Resolution No. 39110.
3. Clare Petrich, Hvar Sister City Committee, speaking on Resolution No. 39121.
4. Loren Cohen, Point Ruston, speaking on Resolution No. 39110.
5. Nick Leider, Catholic Community Services, speaking on Resolution No. 39126.
6. Steve Joyce, citizen, speaking on Resolution No. 39110.
7. Mitch Pogue, Andrain Water Association, speaking on Resolution No. 39122.

Public Comment ended at 5:30 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Joseph Lochridge v. City of Tacoma, et al., U.S. District Court Cause No. 3:14-CV-05053-RJB, upon payment by the City of the amount of \$323,348.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

14. [RES39120](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Cascadia Consulting Group, Inc., in the amount of \$511,625, sales tax not applicable, budgeted from the Environmental Services Solid Waste Fund, to develop a Sustainable Materials Management Plan - Specification No. ES14-0488F.
[James G. Parvey, Assistant Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39120.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

15. [RES39110](#) A resolution acknowledging receipt of, accepting, and expressing receptiveness regarding a Notice of Intent to Petition for Annexation concerning the portion of the Point Ruston redevelopment site lying within the City of Ruston.
(Continued from the meeting of February 3, 2015)
[John Harrington, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was requested and taken, resulting as follows:

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

Nays: 2 - Boe and Walker

The Resolution was declared adopted.

16. [RES39121](#) A resolution designating the City of Hvar, Croatia, as a Sister City.
[Debbie Bingham, Program Development Specialist; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39121.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

17. [RES39122](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Water System Acquisition Agreement with the Andrain Road Water Association, to establish the terms and conditions to expand Tacoma Water's service area to include 59 residences, located in the vicinity of 128th Street East and 70th Avenue East in Pierce County.
[Tony Lindgren, Water Distribution Engineering Manager; Linda McCrea, Water Superintendent]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39122.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

18. [RES39123](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with RailWorks Track Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$150,000, for a cumulative total of \$520,712, plus sales tax, budgeted from the Tacoma Rail Mountain Division Fund, to extend the contract for on-call track and bridge maintenance, through December 31, 2016.
[Alan Matheson, Chief Mechanical Officer; Dale King, Rail Superintendent]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39123.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

19. [RES39124](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society, in the amount of \$881,356, budgeted from the General Fund, for animal shelter, licensing, and related services through December 31, 2016.
[Shawn Stringer, Captain; Don Ramsdell, Police Chief]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39124.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

20. [RES39125](#) A resolution accepting \$350,924 from Puget Sound Energy, and depositing said sum into the Permit Services Fund; and authorizing the execution of an agreement with Ecology and Environment, Inc., in the amount of \$350,924, budgeted from said fund, for preparation of a draft and final Environmental Impact Statement and related services for Puget Sound Energy's proposed Liquefied Natural Gas facility in the Tacoma Tidelands.
[Ian Munce, Special Assistant to the Director; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39125.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

21. [RES39126](#) A resolution authorizing the allocation of \$2,600,538, budgeted from the Mental Health Fund, for human services programs from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016; and authorizing the execution of agreements with:
- Catholic Community Services, in the amount of \$870,000;
 - Comprehensive Life Resources, in the amount of \$1,058,108;
 - Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare, in the amount of \$467,050; and
 - Pierce County Alliance, in the amount of \$205,380.

[Pamela Duncan, Human Services Division Manager; Nadia Chandler Hardy, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39126.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

22. [RES39127](#) A resolution authorizing the allocation of \$2,016,128, budgeted from the General Fund, for human services programs from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016; and authorizing the execution of agreements with:

- Associated Ministries, in the amount of \$268,500;
- Pierce County Aids Foundation, in the amount of \$254,132;
- Tacoma Community House, in the amount of \$355,436;
- Tacoma Housing Authority, in the amount of \$241,692;
- The Rescue Mission, in the amount of \$599,368; and
- YWCA of Pierce County, in the amount of \$297,000.

[Pamela Duncan, Human Services Division Manager; Nadia Chandler Hardy, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39127.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

23. [RES39128](#) A resolution authorizing the allocation of \$669,819, budgeted from the Mental Health Fund, for human services programs from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016; and authorizing the execution of agreements with:

- Comprehensive Life Resources, in the amount of \$265,337; and
- Tacoma School District No. 10, in the amount of \$404,482.

[Pamela Duncan, Human Services Division Manager; Nadia Chandler Hardy, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39128.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

24. [ORD28282](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement changes negotiated with the Tacoma Joint Labor Committee regarding vacation leave and holiday pay, and rates of pay and compensation for employees represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Water Pollution Control Unit.
[Robin Koch, Labor Relations Manager; Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28282. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

25. [ORD28283](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.24 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Personnel Rules, to incorporate gender-neutral terminology and update City titles, policies, practices, and procedures, as approved by the Civil Service Board.
[Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28283. 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

26. [ORD28284](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.110 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Property Tax Exemptions for Multi-Family Housing Code, to align with City priorities and state law, and clarify requirements regarding vacancy and displacement issues for occupied structures that are to be rehabilitated or developed.
[Debbie Bingham, Program Development Specialist; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28284 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Lonergan, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, stated the Committee heard a presentation from Tacoma Public Utilities on the proposed water and power rate increases for 2015 and 2016, and recommended forwarding the proposed rates to the full Council for adoption. He then stated City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli presented on four ballot measures amending the City Charter passed by voters that needed Council action for implementation, noting the Committee discussed the measures and provided guidance on implementation. Chair Lonergan noted the Committee heard a presentation from Public Works on the Local Improvement District program, and from Information Technology on the City’s Microsoft enterprise licensing agreement renewal. He then stated the Committee also reviewed the Committee’s 2014 Year-End Report and discussed potential items for 2015. Chair Lonergan stated there was a special meeting of the Audit Advisory Board on January 21, 2015 to hear an audit entrance conference for the City’s utilities and the results of the accountability audit report from the State Auditor’s Office. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be March 4, 2015, and will include the Tacoma 24/7 2014 Year-End Report.

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Deputy Mayor Boe provided information on a number of performing arts events in Tacoma, including the The Great Hall at Annie Wright School; the Oscars, Classics, and Cartoons by the Tacoma Concert Band at the Pantages Theater; Seussical TYA at the Tacoma Musical Playhouse; and the Tacoma Youth Symphony at the Rialto Theater.

Council Member Ibsen stated this Thursday Metro Parks Tacoma will host the second of four Destination Point Defiance town halls regarding the Point Defiance Park Master Plan, noting the meeting will focus on improvements to support facilities for the triangle area. He concluded by stating comments or inquiries can be sent to destinationpointdefiance.org.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.