



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

July 15, 2014

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Council Member Thoms participated telephonically.

FLAG SALUTE

The Flag Salute was led by Deputy Mayor Woodards

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- 1. 14-0465** Monthly Financial Reports for the Tacoma Public Utilities Fleet Services Fund, Self-Insurance Claim Fund, Solid Waste Management, Tacoma Power, Tacoma Rail, Tacoma Water, and Wastewater and Surface Water Management, April, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. 14-0616** Minutes of the City Council meeting of May 13, 2014.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. **14-0569** Recognition for Simpson Kraft and RockTenn.

Mayor Strickland presented a recognition for Simpson Kraft and RockTenn to Ms. Betsy Stauffer and Mr. Dave McEntee of Simpson Kraft, and Mr. John Conkle of RockTenn.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:15 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

Harold Moss, 3925 North Vassault Street, speaking on Resolution No. 38955.

Public comment ended at 5:21 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

4. **RES38946** A resolution awarding a contract to The CEI Group, Inc., in the amount of \$450,000, plus sales tax, budgeted from various departmental funds, for vehicle accident management services, for an initial contract term of three years, with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms, for a projected contract total of \$750,000 - Specification No. UF13-0744F.
[Justin Davis, Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38946.

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

5. **RES38947** A resolution relating to the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption Program; authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 8-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Encompass Property Management, LLC, for the development of 35 market-rate rental housing units to be located at 219 and 223 North J Street in the Stadium Mixed-Use Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Program Development Specialist; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38947.

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

6. **RES38948** A resolution and proposition amending multiple sections of Articles II, III, V, and VI, of the City Charter to bring election-related provisions in conformance with state law and City practice.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38948.

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

7. **RES38949** A resolution and proposition amending multiple sections of Articles II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, IX, and X of the City Charter to replace gender-specific language with gender-neutral language, and deleting or replacing obsolete terms and provisions.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38949.

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

- 8. RES38950** A resolution and proposition amending Article VI, Section 6.7, of the City Charter to add color, ancestry, gender-identity, sexual orientation, familial status, honorably discharged veteran, and military status to the list of classes protected from discrimination in City employment.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38950.

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

- 9. RES38951** A resolution and proposition amending Article II, Section 2.13, of the City Charter to allow emergency ordinances to take effect immediately upon passage rather than after publication.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38951.

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. RES38952** A resolution and proposition amending Article III, Section 3.4, of the City Charter to require City Council confirmation for appointment of department heads.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38952.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to amend Resolution No. 38952 to read as follows after the word “jurisdiction”: “Provided, appointments of department heads shall require confirmation by the City Council. The manager may authorize the head of a department or office responsible to the manager to appoint and remove subordinates in such department or office.”

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Woodards.

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 Resolution, as amended, was declared adopted.

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

11. RES38953

A resolution and proposition amending Article IV, Section 4.18, of the City Charter to require City Council confirmation of the appointment of the Director of Utilities by the Public Utility Board, with reconfirmation by the City Council every two years following annual performance reviews by the Public Utility Board.

[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38953.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

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

Nays: 2 - Boe and Lonergan

12. **RES38954** A resolution and proposition amending Article III of the City Charter by adding a new Section 3.13, to require a Landmarks Preservation Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38954.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

MOTION: Council Member Boe moved to amend Resolution No. 38954 on Page 1, Line 11, by adding a period after the words “confirmed by the City Council” and deleting all further language.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Woodards.

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 Resolution, as amended, was declared adopted.

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

13. **RES38955** A resolution and proposition amending Article II, Section 2.35, of the City Charter regarding term limits, by allowing a person to serve two full consecutive terms as a Council Member and two full consecutive terms as Mayor.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38955.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to amend Resolution No. 38955 to revert to the current language of ten consecutive years for Council terms.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

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

Ayes: 7 - Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Nays: 2 - Campbell and Thoms

ACTION: Roll call vote was requested and taken. The Resolution, as amended, was declared adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Boe, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Walker, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Nays: 2 - Campbell and Thoms

- 14. RES38956** A resolution and proposition amending Article II, Section 2.3, of the City Charter to add a Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries to determine the compensation and salary of the Mayor and Council.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38956.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to amend Resolution No. 38956 on Page 1, Line 12, by replacing the words “have the power and responsibility to direct the City Council setting” with the word “set”; by adding the word “any” before the words “salary increase” on Page 1, Line 13; and by adding the following sentence to the end of the paragraph on Page 1, Line 13: “the salary and any salary increases set by the Commission shall be adopted by the City Council.”

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Woodards.

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

MOTION: Council Member Boe moved to replace the word "increase" with the word "changes".

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried, with Council Members Boe, Campbell, Lonergan, and Mayor Strickland voting in opposition.

Ayes: 5 - Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Walker and Woodards

Nays: 4 - Boe, Campbell, Lonergan and Mayor Strickland

ACTION: Roll call vote was requested and taken. The resolution, as amended, was declared adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Walker and Woodards

Nays: 4 - Boe, Campbell, Lonergan and Mayor Strickland

15. **RES38957** A resolution and proposition amending Article IX of the City Charter by removing the prohibition against new cemeteries, mausoleums, or crematories within the City of Tacoma.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38957.

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

16. **RES38958** A resolution and proposition amending Article VI, Section 6.6, of the City Charter to allow City employees to contract for utility services and participate in conservation, environmental, and other programs available to the public generally and as otherwise allowed by state law.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38958.

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

17. **RES38959** A resolution and proposition amending Article VI, Section 6.3, of the City Charter by removing citizenship and City residency as requirements of eligibility for City employment.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38959.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager T.C. Broadnax shared the City's new video for the 2015-2016 budget and encouraged citizens to attend the upcoming series of community budget input meetings.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee.

Council Member Mello stated the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee recently interviewed applicants for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission and made five recommendations for appointment; heard an update on the 2014 annual amendments to Tacoma’s Comprehensive Plan; participated in a walking tour of the low impact development project at Wapato Lake Drive; and discussed GreenRoads and green infrastructure implementation. He stated the Committee also received a progress report on the development of Tacoma’s Transportation Master Plan and an update from Sound Transit on their long-range planning efforts; received a presentation on additions to Tacoma’s heavy haul corridors; heard from the Washington State Department of Transportation about their upcoming construction project to expand and improve Interstate 5 between South M and East L streets; and heard about ongoing City construction projects and the Sustainable Materials Management Plan. He noted at the next meeting, the Committee will conduct interviews for the Transportation Commission and the Board of Building Appeals.

Council Member Walker thanked City Manager Broadnax for the first of the five community budget input meetings, and announced the community cleanup this Saturday in the Hilltop from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., noting the drop-off location will be at Evergreen State College Tacoma campus.

Council Member Ibsen reminded everyone of the upcoming District 1 budget meeting scheduled for this Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wheelock Library in the Proctor District.

Council Member Boe reminded everyone of all four of Tacoma Farmers' Markets: 6th Ave on Tuesdays, Broadway on Thursdays, Proctor on Saturdays, and South Tacoma on Sundays. He also announced the Saturdayz Flea Market, held every Saturday this summer on Antique Row.

Council Member Campbell announced the community cleanup in the First Creek and Dome Top neighborhoods this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and the upcoming District 4 budget meeting scheduled for August 4, 2014.

Council Member Lonergan announced that from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. this Saturday, July 19, 2014, at the Grocery Outlet at 56th Street and South Tacoma Way the Lincoln Boosters will hold a Family Fun Day complete with a bounce house, live music, family fun and entertainment, and football coach John Kitna.

Mayor Strickland reminded everyone to vote for Tacoma Fire Department's Station 12 team in Good Morning America's 5-Alarm Firefighters Challenge.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk