



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

**November 22, 2016**

**5:00 PM**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Council Member Blocker participated telephonically.

## **FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Council Member Lonergan.

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

1. [16-1110](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, October 10, 2016.
2. [16-1112](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, October 12, 2016.
3. [16-1113](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, October 12, 2016.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no Consent Agenda items.

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

There were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:07 p.m.

Speaking before the Council:

1. Mitchell Shook, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28399.
2. Rosemary Cooper, University of Washington Tacoma student, speaking on Ordinance No. 28395.
3. Tom Pierson, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber, speaking on Ordinance No. 28399.
4. Ken Paulson, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber, speaking on Ordinance No. 28399.
5. Alton McDonald, New Century Justice Network, speaking on Ordinance No. 28398.
6. Hunter George, Metro Parks, speaking on Ordinance No. 28399.

Public Comment ended at 5:28 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

4. [16-1116](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City's settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Puget Soundkeeper Alliance v. City of Tacoma, U.S. District Court Cause No. 3:16-cv-05195-RBL, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the proposed Consent Decree, in substantially the form of the Consent Decree on file with the City Clerk, and payment by the City in an amount up to \$145,000.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to authorize the City's settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Puget Soundkeeper Alliance v. City of Tacoma, U.S. District Court Cause No. 3:16-cv-05195-RBL, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the proposed Consent Decree, in substantially the form of the Consent Decree on file with the City Clerk, and payment by the City in an amount up to \$145,000.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

## PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

5.        [RES39584](#)     A resolution awarding a contract to Ryan B. Gerecht, M.D., P.S., in the amount of \$309,000, sales tax not applicable, budgeted from the EMS Special Revenue Fund, to serve as Medical Director of the Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services Program from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021.  
[Michael Newhouse, Medical Services Officer; James P. Duggan, Fire Chief]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39584.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

## RESOLUTIONS

6.        [RES39585](#)     A resolution authorizing the extension of the Fair and Equitable Collection of Business License Fees and Taxes Project as a Special Project of Limited Duration from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018.  
[Lisa Wojtanowicz, Community Services Division Manager;  
Nadia Chandler Hardy, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39585.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

7. [RES39586](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Tacoma Joint Labor Committee, effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018.  
[Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39586.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

8. [RES39587](#) A resolution approving the General Government Fee Schedule for special and miscellaneous services to include charges to the public for various departmental services.  
[Tadd Wille, Director, Management and Budget; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39587.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

9. [RES39588](#) A resolution amending the Budget and Contingency Policies section of the City's Financial and Budget Policy Statement.  
[Tadd Wille, Director, Management and Budget; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39588.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

10. [ORD28391](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for non-represented employees and changes in classification to reflect the organizational structure.  
[Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was declared passed.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

11. [ORD28392](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.08 of the Municipal Code, relating to Wastewater and Surface Water Management - Regulation and Rates, to adjust rates and charges for services provided by the Wastewater and Surface Water Utilities for the years 2017 and 2018.  
[Dan Thompson, Ph.D., Business Operations Division Manager;  
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was declared passed.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

12. [ORD28393](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.09 of the Municipal Code, relating to Solid Waste, Recycling, and Hazardous Waste, to adjust rates and charges for services provided by the Solid Waste Utility for the years 2017 and 2018, and adding food waste to the definition of yard waste.  
[Gary H. Kato, Solid Waste Management Division Manager;  
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was declared passed.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

13. [ORD28394](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6B.20 of the Municipal Code, relating to Annual Business License, to increase business license fees.  
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was declared passed.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Nays:** 1 - Campbell

14. [ORD28395](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 17.05 of the Municipal Code, relating to Animal License Fees, to increase license fees for dogs and cats and clarify the term of license, requirements and exemptions.  
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was declared passed.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

15. [ORD28396](#) An ordinance renaming the Data Processing Division Intragovernmental Service Fund to the General Government Internal Services Fund, and expanding the scope and purpose of said fund.  
[Tadd Wille, Director, Management and Budget; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was declared passed.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

- 16. [ORD28397](#) An ordinance establishing a new capital budget fund structure; creating two new funds to be known as Transportation Revenues Fund 1050, a special revenue fund, and Real Estate Excise Tax Fund 3210, a capital fund; and repurposing Capital Projects Fund 3211, Transportation Capital and Engineering Fund 1060, and Paths and Trails Reserve Fund 1140 as Special Capital Funds to provide increased transparency and accountability in the monitoring of capital project progress.  
[Tadd Wille, Director, Management and Budget; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was declared passed.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

- 17. [ORD28398](#) An ordinance approving the 2017-2022 Capital Facilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan, and approving the 2017-2018 Capital Budget.  
[Tadd Wille, Director, Management and Budget]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was declared passed.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to recess the City Council business meeting and immediately convene the Transportation Benefit District Governing Board special meeting at this time.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

The Council meeting recessed at 5:46 p.m.

The Council meeting was called back to order at 6:03 p.m.

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18. [ORD28399](#) An ordinance adopting the 2017-2018 Biennial Operating Budget.

To view the proposed 2017-2018 Biennial Operating Budget go to  
[www.cityoftacoma.org/budget](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/budget)

[Tadd Wille, Director, Management and Budget]

Throughout the discussion on Ordinance No. 28399 various Council Members disclosed their remote interests in organizations for which funding is authorized in the budget, per the City's Code of Ethics.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to amend and replace Exhibit A of Ordinance No. 28399.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to direct the City Manager to utilize \$400,000 of the total funding for the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center in the year 2017.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

**Council Members disclosed the following interests in organizations for which funding is authorized in the budget, per the City's Code of Ethics:**

**Council Member Blocker disclosed he is an employee of Peace Community Center, and his compensation consists solely of fixed wages or salary.**

**Council Member Woodards disclosed she is an employee of the Tacoma Urban League, and her compensation consists solely of fixed wages or salary.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland



**Throughout the discussion on Ordinance No. 28399, as amended, Council Members disclosed the following interests in organizations for which funding is authorized in the budget, per the City's Code of Ethics:**

**Council Member McCarthy disclosed he is a non-salaried officer of the Tacoma Community House.**

**Council Member Campbell disclosed he is a non-salaried Board Member of Safe Streets, the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center, Community Youth Services, and the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health.**

**Council Member Woodards further disclosed she is a Board Member of the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health.**

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried on the Ordinance, as amended. The Ordinance, as amended, was declared passed.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

## **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

19. [ORD28400](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement changes as negotiated with the Tacoma Joint Labor Committee.  
[Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28400 was set over for final reading next week.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager T.C. Broadnax thanked the staff in the Office of Management and Budget, and all department directors and staff, for all the dedication and hard work behind the development of the 2017-2018 biennial budget. He also thanked the City Council and Mayor for their leadership and guidance throughout the process.

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

### **Economic Development Committee**

The Economic Development Committee report was held over to the next Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk