



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

May 23, 2017

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:** 7 - Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Lonergan

Council Member Blocker arrived at 5:08 p.m.

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member McCarthy.

Council Member Blocker arrived here, at 5:08 p.m.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [17-0512](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, January 31, 2017.
2. [17-0513](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, February 14, 2017.
3. [17-0528](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, February 28, 2017.
4. [17-0527](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, April 11, 2017.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to suspend the rules to add two motions to tonight's agenda as Items 7A and 7B on the Regular Agenda.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.**

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

**Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland**

**Absent: 1 - Lonergan**

## CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items.

### PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. [17-0534](#) Proclaiming May 2017 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed May 2017 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and presented the proclamation to Ms. Lua Pritchard, Asia Pacific Cultural Center Executive Director.

6. [17-0463](#) Proclaiming the week of May 21-27, 2017 as National Public Works Week.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed May 21-27, 2017 as National Public Works Week and presented the proclamation to Mr. Kurtis Kingsolver, Public Works Director, and Mr. Mike Slevin, Environmental Services Director.

7. [17-0477](#) Proclaiming Friday, June 2, 2017 as Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed Friday, June 2, 2017 as Gun Violence Awareness Day and presented the proclamation to Ms. Katie Scherling, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense, and Ms. Leanne Kennedy, Pierce County Neighbors for Gun Responsibility.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:24 p.m.

No one came forward to address the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:25 p.m.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

7A.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Aaron Martinez v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 15-2-11861-2, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$775,000.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

7B.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City by DonYeta Villavaso-Madden, Claim No. 15791, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$227,500.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

8. [17-0535](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the execution of an employment agreement with Elizabeth Pauli to serve as the City Manager from May 16, 2017, through May 15, 2019.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to authorize the execution of an employment agreement with Elizabeth Pauli to serve as City Manager of Tacoma from May 16, 2017, through May 15, 2019, with said document in the form that is on file in the office of the City Clerk that shall include the following compensation:**

- (1) An annual salary of \$237,348.80 (which is approximately a 5% increase above her prior salary as City Attorney), and the following items previously included in the prior City Manager's employee agreement,**
- (2) pay for a parking space (prior City Manager's agreement also contained a \$550 a month car allowance which is waived at the request of the Employee),**
- (3) pay Employee's maximum standard contribution under the City's Section 457 IRS deferred compensation plan,**
- (4) match Employee's contributions made into a Section 401(a) IRS plan account up to 3% of Employee's salary,**
- (5) provide 10 days of administrative leave per year (prior City Manager's agreement contained 20 days which is reduced at the request of the Employee), and**
- (6) pay professional license fees and training (specifically related to maintaining a current license to practice law in the state of Washington).**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

9. [17-0536](#) A motion may be considered to confirm the appointment of William Fosbre as the City Attorney with an annual salary of \$199,472, effective May 24, 2017.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to confirm the appointment of William Fosbre as the City Attorney with an annual salary of \$199,472, effective May 24, 2017.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

## APPOINTMENTS

10. [RES39728](#) A resolution reappointing John Hines to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Tacoma Public Library for a five-year term beginning June 6, 2017, through June 5, 2022.

[Mayor Strickland]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39728.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan



## PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES39729](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Sound Pacific Construction LLC, in the amount of \$2,319,764.80, plus applicable sales tax, plus a 20 percent contingency, for a total of \$2,783,717.76, budgeted from various departmental funds, for the restoration of approximately 28 blocks of residential streets, construction of sidewalk and ADA ramps, and storm sewer repair - Specification No. PW17-0006F.  
[Said Seddiki, P.E., Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39729.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the Resolution.**

**The Resolution was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

12. [RES39730](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Graybar Electric Company, Inc., in the amount of \$310,000, plus sales tax, for a total of \$660,000, budgeted from various departmental funds, for electrical supplies on an as-needed basis, through March 31, 2018 - U.S. Communities Purchasing Alliance Contract No. MA-IS-1340234.  
[Patsy Best, Procurement and Payables Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39730.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the Resolution.**

**The Resolution was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

13. [RES39731](#) A resolution ratifying and authorizing an increase to the contract with AT&T, in the amount of \$485,000, plus applicable sales tax, for a total of \$685,000, budgeted from various departmental funds, for citywide cell phone airtime, wireless data services and related equipment purchases for prior expenditures and future estimated Tacoma Public Utilities and General Government usage through June 30, 2019 - Washington State Department of Enterprise Services NASPO Contract No. 06012.  
[Patsy Best, Procurement and Payables Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39731.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the Resolution.**

**The Resolution was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

## RESOLUTIONS

14. [RES39732](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a State Participation Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$233,841, budgeted from the Economic Development Grants Fund, for installation of a large-scale, tile Historic Interpretive Display inside the new Amtrak Cascade Station at Freighthouse Square.  
[Ian Munce, Special Assistant to the Director; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39732.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the Resolution.**

**The Resolution was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

15. **RES39733** A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Fire Fighters Union, Local 31, effective January 1, 2017.  
[Gary Buchanan, Interim Director, Human Resources]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39733.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the Resolution.**

**The Resolution was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee  
and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

## **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

16. **ORD28431** 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 Tacoma Fire Fighters Union, Local 31, and remove the application of rate for the classification of Fabrication Welder.  
[Gary Buchanan, Interim Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28431 was set over for final reading on June 6, 2017.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated on May 17, 2017, the Tacoma Police Department hosted their annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony to acknowledge and thank citizens who volunteer at the substations. She thanked and congratulated the following individuals who were named Volunteer of the Year for their substation: Lois Cooper, Laura Miller, Erma Booth, Steve Temoshek, and Debbie Bedinger; and Jesse Hart who received the Distinguished Service Award. She then stated Tacoma entered into a partnership this month as part of efforts to address mental health needs with Crisis Text Line. She stated the service is available for anyone suffering from a family crisis, domestic violence, sexual assault, anxiety, depression, self-harm, stress, eating disorders, bullying, LGBTQ issues and more, and can be used by texting "HEAL" to 741741.



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

**Economic Development Committee**

Council Member Campbell, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, stated on April 25, 2017, the Committee conducted interviews for the City Events and Recognitions Committee and received an update on activities along the waterfront. He reported on May 9, 2017, Downtown Works gave a presentation on downtown retail revitalization strategies, and this morning the Committee received an update on Point Ruston, the Minority Business Development Agency Business Center Program Grant the City received, and an economic indicators report for the 4th quarter of 2016 and the first quarter of 2017.

Deputy Mayor Thoms stated the 2017 Sister Cities Film Festival is closing on Monday, May 29, 2017 with a film from the city of Biot, France, and encouraged everyone to attend.

Council Member Campbell stated the grand reopening of Stewart Middle School is Wednesday, May 24, 2017, noting there is a companion documentary called 178 Days that speaks to the turnaround the school went through.

Mayor Strickland noted the Council meeting and study session on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 have been cancelled.

Council Member Campbell announced a community cleanup for the Dome Top, First Creek, West McKinley and New Tacoma areas will be held Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the Tacoma Dome Parking Lot.

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to excuse Council Member Lonergan from the meeting tonight.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**


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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marilyn Strickland", written over a horizontal line.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doris Sorum", written over a horizontal line.

Doris Sorum, City Clerk