



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

January 31, 2017

5:00 PM

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR COUNCIL MEMBER LAUREN WALKER LEE

The Honorable Drew Henke swore newly appointed Council Member Lauren Walker Lee into office.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Lonergan.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [17-0081](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, January 4, 2017.
2. [17-0082](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, December 21, 2016.

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to suspend the rules to add an additional Resolution, Resolution No. 39642, to tonight’s agenda after item 8 on the Regular Agenda.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

### CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. [17-0095](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, November 1, 2016.
- 4. [17-0001](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, November 8, 2016.

### RESOLUTIONS

- 5. [RES39640](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at approximately 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council, on the surplus and exchange of approximately 4,157 square feet of Tacoma Water property located in Cumberland, to Mr. Ted Coutts in exchange for an equal amount of property and \$10,000 for the relocation of existing improvements. [Gloria Fletcher, Senior Real Estate Officer; Linda McCrea, Water Superintendent]

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39640.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39640. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. [17-0096](#) Proclaiming Tuesday, January 31, 2017 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed Tuesday, January 31, 2017 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day and presented the proclamation to Ms. Janet Runbeck, Pierce County Coalition Against Trafficking.

7. [17-0097](#) Proclaiming January 2017 as Whole Child Month.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed January 2017 as Whole Child Month and presented the proclamation to Ms. Catherine Ushka, President of the Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:17 p.m.

Mayor Strickland and Council Members made comments regarding the Northwest Detention Center, the executive order, the threat of losing federal funding, sanctuary cities, welcoming cities, the fact that the Tacoma Police Department does not check immigration status or proactively enforce immigration laws, and local actions.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Mike Collier, Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39642.
2. Mitch Robinson, citizen, speaking on Ordinance No. 28408.
3. Liz Dunbar, Tacoma Community House, speaking on Resolution No. 39642.
4. Sandra Spadoni, Tacoma Community House, speaking on Resolution No. 39642.
5. Sarah Cherin, 3719 North 25th Street, speaking on Resolution No. 39642.
6. Sid Olufs, 513 North E Street, speaking on Resolution No. 39642.
7. Wendy Pantoja, NWDC Resistance, speaking on Resolution No. 39642.
8. Jose Chavez, Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39642 and Ordinance No. 28408.
9. Rocio Chavez, Tacoma Community House, speaking on Resolution No. 39642.
10. Mitch Shook, Tacoma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28408.
11. Lorenzo Cervantes, 707 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, speaking on Resolution No. 39642.
12. John Forseth, 223 North Yakima Avenue, speaking on Resolution No. 39642.

13. Clay Zhang, 1209 North Yakima Avenue, speaking on Resolution No. 39642.
14. Liz McKercher, 616 North I Street, speaking on Resolution Nos. 39641 and 39642 and Ordinance No. 28408.
15. Kit Burns, 1010 6th Avenue, speaking on Ordinance No. 28408.
16. Jason de Kauter-Gualberto, 858 South Prospect Street, speaking on Resolution No. 39642.
17. Suzanne Skaar, Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39642.
18. Nataley Guayardo, 2510 South Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39642.
19. Dorothy McCabe, 1323 South Yakima, speaking on Resolution No. 39642.
20. Liesl Santkuyl, 4302 North 32nd Street, speaking on Resolution No. 39642.
21. Tomas Madrigal, 1703 South L Street, speaking on Resolution No. 39642.
22. Catherine Ushka, President of the Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors, speaking on Resolution No. 39642.
23. Luis Garcia, 7001 East I Street, speaking on Resolution No. 39642.
24. Sinuon Hem, 5426 East Roosevelt Avenue, speaking on Resolution No. 39642.

Public Comment ended at 7:01 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

8.     [RES39641](#)     A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Asphalt Patch Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$2,574,000, plus sales tax, for a total of \$4,320,290, budgeted from various departmental funds, for Citywide asphalt patching and concrete repair services through November 2018 - Specification No. CT14-0059F.  
[Patsy Best, Procurement and Payables Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39641.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

**RESOLUTIONS**

**8A.     RES39642**     A resolution directing the City Manager to establish a convening of immigrants and refugees and their advocates, and support them in creating an Immigrant and Refugee Task Force, to further the City’s vision as an inclusive and equitable city.  
[Council Member Campbell]

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39642.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

**FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

**9.       ORD28408**     An ordinance amending Chapter 12.13 of the Municipal Code, relating to Click! Network Cable TV Products, to adjust the rates by an average of 13 percent in 2017 and offer promotional pricing.  
[Tenzin Gyaltzen, Click! General Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

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Mayor Strickland reported the City Manager Performance Review Committee selected Colin Baenziger & Associates for recruitment services for a City Manager.

**MOTION: Council Member Campbell moved to appoint Elizabeth Pauli as the Interim City Manager for the City of Tacoma effective February 6, 2017.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## **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, reported at the joint meeting with the Audit Advisory Board on December 7, 2016, the Committee held the 2016 Entrance Utilities Audit Conference, 2015 Federal and Financial Conference, and 2014 Accountability exit interview. He stated on January 4, 2017, the Committee received an update on radio system cost sharing and access fees, and on January 18, 2017, reviewed applications for City Council At-Large Position No. 6 and received a presentation from Tacoma Public Utilities requesting adjustments to Click! cable television rates.

### **Economic Development Committee (Continued from January 24, 2017)**

Council Member Campbell, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported on December 13, 2016, the Committee was provided an update on South Sound 9-1-1 and related County-owned properties, as well as an update on neighborhood business districts. He stated on January 10, 2017, staff presented on the growing state of the technology sector in our community, and today the Committee heard from a panel about the current state and future of the Tacoma Farmers Markets, the 3rd quarter financial report, and an update on office space recruitment for downtown. He then stated a Council Consideration Request was presented at Study Session today creating a Food Innovation District for the Eastside, which is referred to the Economic Development Committee for further work.

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

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor



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Doris Sorum, City Clerk