



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

December 08, 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 Mello.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [15-1366](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, August 19, 2015.
2. [15-1367](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, September 16, 2015.
3. [15-1368](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, October 7, 2015.
4. [15-1369](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, October 21, 2015.
5. [15-1320](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, July 8, 2015.
6. [15-1321](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, August 12, 2015.
7. [15-1111](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, September 9, 2015.

- 8. [15-1182](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, September 23, 2015.
- 9. [15-1293](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, October 14, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 10. [15-1350](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, September 29, 2015.
- 11. [15-1351](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, October 13, 2015.
- 12. [15-1355](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees study session, October 20, 2015.
- 13. [15-1356](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, October 27, 2015.
- 14. [15-1357](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, November 3, 2015.
- 15. [15-1358](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, November 10, 2015.
- 16. [15-1359](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, November 17, 2015.
- 17. [15-1360](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, November 24, 2015.

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 18. [15-1348](#) Presentation of the Mayor’s selection for Tacoma Reads 2016. Mayor Strickland and Mr. Eric Hanberg, Chair of Tacoma Reads Together, announced the Mayor’s selection for Tacoma Reads 2016, “Station Eleven.”

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:14 p.m.

No one came forward to address the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:15 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

19. [RES39337](#) A resolution reappointing individuals to the Landmarks Preservation Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39337.

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

20. [RES39338](#) A resolution adopting the priority issues for the 2016 sessions of the United States Congress and Washington State Legislature.
[Randall Lewis, Government Relations Officer; T.C. Broadnax, City Manager]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39338.

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. [RES39339](#) A resolution designating the Epworth LeSourd United Methodist Church, located at 710 South Anderson Street, as a City Landmark and placing said property on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places.
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39339.

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

22. [ORD28337](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement changes in rates of pay and compensation for represented and non-represented classifications, and changes in classifications to reflect the organizational structure.
[Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28337. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

23. [ORD28338](#) An ordinance modifying the 2015-2016 Biennial Budget to appropriate funds for additional contract obligations, transfers and other budget adjustments; authorizing interfund transfers and contributions; and authorizing the acceptance, deposit, and appropriation of miscellaneous donations, contributions, and fees.
[Tadd Wille, Director, Office of Management and Budget]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28338. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

24. [ORD28339](#) An ordinance amending various chapters of Title 6 of the Municipal Code, entitled “Tax and License Code”, to authorize an additional 1.5% earnings tax on natural gas, electric and phone companies, as passed by Proposition 3 in the November 2015 general election.
[Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28339. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

CITIZENS’ FORUM

Citizens’ Forum began at 5:27 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Alton McDonald, citizen, speaking on police profiling.
2. Kit Burns, citizen, speaking on Click!.
3. Jake Grote, citizen, speaking on Click!.
4. Marilyn Kimmerling, 4414 North 34th Street, speaking on Click!.
5. Mitch Shook, citizen, speaking on Click!.
6. Janis Clark, citizen, speaking on a community meeting.

Citizens’ Forum ended at 5:38 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager T.C. Broadnax provided an update on the City’s response and plans to address issues around homelessness and the increased visibility of encampments throughout the community. He also provided information on a community informational meeting to discuss plans to open a young adult overnight shelter during the cold weather season, on December 10, 2015 at the Beacon Senior Center, located at 415 South 13th Street, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Strickland provided information on emergency shelters located in Pierce County.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor Boe provided information on upcoming events in Tacoma, including the Tacoma Musical Playhouse’s December performances of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Puget Sound Poetry Connection presents the Distinguished Writers Series, the Hilltop Artists Winter Glass Sale,

Tacoma Symphony productions at the Urban Grace Church, Zoolights, and the Christmas Revels at the Rialto Theater.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk