



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

September 10, 2019

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Mello

Council Member Mello arrived at 5:03 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Deputy Mayor McCarthy.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [19-0932](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, August 8, 2019.
2. [19-0946](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, August 13, 2019.
3. [19-0947](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, July 24, 2019.
4. [19-0948](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, July 24, 2019.
5. [19-0936](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees study session, August 7, 2019.
6. [19-0938](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees meeting, June 19, 2019.
7. [19-0937](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees meeting, July 17, 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. [19-0945](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, July 23, 2019.
9. [19-0970](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, July 2, 2019.
10. [19-0971](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, July 9, 2019.
11. [19-0972](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, July 16, 2019.
12. [19-0973](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, July 23, 2019.

RESOLUTIONS

13. [RES40420](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at approximately 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the potential reauthorization and extension of the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
[Steve Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40420.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40420. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Mello

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. [19-0959](#) Proclaiming September 8-14, 2019 as National Assisted Living Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed September 8-14, 2019 as National Assisted Living Week and presented the proclamation to Ms. Maringi Lloyd, Community Relations Director, and Sindy Brown, Executive Director, Peoples Retirement Community.

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Council Member Mello arrived here, at 5:03 p.m.

- 15. [19-0955](#) Proclaiming September 13-22, 2019 as Welcoming Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed September 13-22, 2019 as Welcoming Week and presented the proclamation to Mr. Jefferson Mok, Chair, Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:13 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

- 1. Joey Cohn, KNKX, speaking on Resolution No. 40426.
- 2. Mary Dunaway, KNKX, speaking on Resolution No. 40426.
- 3. Michael Sullivan, KNKX, speaking on Resolution No. 40426.
- 4. Sean Arent, 2715 South 7th Street, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40423, 40424, and 40425.

Public Comment ended at 5:24 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

- 16. [RES40421](#) A resolution appointing Shane Beck to the Board of Building Appeals. [Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40421.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

17. [RES40422](#) A resolution appointing Christopher Karnes to the Planning Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40422.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

RESOLUTIONS

18. [RES40423](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with 6th and Rochester Street LLC, for the development of 36 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 6805 6th Avenue, in the Narrows Mixed-Use Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 40423.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Abstain: 1 - McCarthy

19. [RES40424](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with RDM Construction Services, LLC, for the development of four multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 641 North Fife Street, in the 6th Avenue Mixed-Use Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 40424.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Abstain: 1 - McCarthy

20. [RES40425](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with RDM Construction Services, LLC, for the development of four multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 766 South 39th Street, in the Lincoln Mixed-Use Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 40425.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Abstain: 1 - McCarthy

21. [RES40426](#) A resolution authorizing the use of \$45,000 from the City Council Contingency Fund to support the final phase of KNKX 88.5 FM's capital campaign to renovate the historic C.N. Gardner Building for the purpose of providing education space for youth and adults, and programming to encourage civic dialogue, and directing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement for services with terms and deliverables for the City's contribution.
[Council Member Mello]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40426.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

22. [ORD28604](#) An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 28491, relating to Land Use Regulations, to correct a scrivener's error which will include adding correctional facilities to the M-1 zoning district as of January 1, 2018.
[Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28604. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Citizens' Forum began at 5:47 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Zachary Duncan, resident, speaking on taxes on firearms and ammunition.
2. Chris Spieth, resident, speaking on taxes on firearms and ammunition.
3. Mary Jane Bostwick, resident, speaking on affordable housing, high-density housing, and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).
4. Dick Lovingood, 5001 South Cushman Avenue, speaking on taxes on firearms and ammunition.

5. Venus Dergan, South Tacoma Neighborhood Council, speaking on zoning in the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District.
6. Bea Christophersen, 3322 North Gove Street, speaking on taxes on firearms and ammunition.
7. Jane Milhans, Tacoma Rifle and Revolver Club, speaking on taxes on firearms and ammunition.
8. Kyle Jolibois, 431 Broadway, speaking on affordable housing and BRT.
9. Carole Sue Braaten, 2410 Berry Lane East, Fife, speaking on liquefied natural gas and taxes on firearms and ammunition.
10. Sharyn Hinchcliffe, resident, speaking on taxes on firearms and ammunition.
11. Ben Brandis, resident, speaking on surface water utility rates.
12. Kit Burns, 1010 6th Avenue, speaking on the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Program.
13. Rita Andreeva, resident, speaking on homelessness.
14. Clinton Stuart, resident, speaking on taxes on firearms and ammunition.
15. Jo Davis, 809 South J Street, speaking on homelessness.
16. Sharon Russell, 811 South J Street, speaking on homelessness.

Citizens' Forum ended at 6:37 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Thoms, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported at the August 13, 2019 meeting, the Committee interviewed applicants for the Foss Waterway Development Authority and received a presentation on a safe, clean, and sanitary downtown. He stated at the August 27, 2019 meeting, the committee received presentations on commercial tenant overview and the Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group, and at today's meeting the Committee received presentations on the Minority Business Development Agency and Citywide parking services. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on September 24, 2019 and will include presentations on the Tacoma Public Utilities Economic Development Strategic Plan and sidewalk cafes.

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Mayor Woodards thanked staff regarding the KNKX project and everyone who supported the Downtown to Defiance event on September 7, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk