



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

June 04, 2019

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Mayor Woodards participated telephonically.

Council Member Thoms arrived at 5:04 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Blocker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [19-0582](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, March 27, 2019.
2. [19-0540](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, May 1, 2019.
3. [19-0557](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, April 24, 2019.
4. [19-0558](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, April 24, 2019.
5. [19-0537](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, April 24, 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. [19-0553](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, April 16, 2019.
7. [19-0554](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, April 23, 2019.
8. [19-0467](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, March 26, 2019.
9. [19-0541](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, April 2, 2019.

RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES40334](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Tacoma in the amount of \$500,000, accepting and depositing said sum into the Transportation Capital Fund, for the replacement of a portion of the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge.
[Chris Storey, Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

11. [ORD28587](#) An ordinance vacating an area of alley right-of-way lying between North 15th and North 16th Streets, beginning at a private section of former North Lawrence Street and running in an easterly direction, for development of the area as a gateway to a new Welcome Center for the University of Puget Sound.
(University of Puget Sound; File No. 124.1395)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40334 and first reading of Ordinance No. 28587.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28587.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40334 and setting Ordinance No. 28587 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

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Council Member Thoms arrived here, at 5:04 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. [19-0573](#) Proclaiming Friday, June 7, 2019 as Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Deputy Mayor McCarthy proclaimed Friday, June 7, 2019 as Gun Violence Awareness Day and presented the proclamation to Ms. Katie Scherling, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and Ms. Leann Kennedy, Neighbors for Gun Responsibility.

13. [19-0574](#) Proclaiming June 12-13, 2019 as Tacoma Garden Club Days.

Deputy Mayor McCarthy proclaimed June 12-13, 2019 as Tacoma Garden Club Days and presented the proclamation to Ms. Ross Hoyle and Ms. Cynthia Morris, Tacoma Garden Club.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:19 p.m.

No one came forward to address the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:20 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

14. [RES40335](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the City Events and Recognitions Committee.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 40335.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

15. [RES40336](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Human Services Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40336.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

16. [RES40337](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Planning Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt
Resolution No. 40337.**

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

**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

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

17. [RES40338](#) A resolution awarding a contract to R.L. Alia Company, in the amount of
\$1,560,162.40, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a total of
\$1,794,186.76, budgeted from various departmental funds, to replace aging water
distribution, wastewater, and surface water pipes, and install new street improvements
along South Puget Sound Avenue between South 50th and 54th Streets -
Specification No. ES18-0163F.
[Eric Johnson, P.E., Assistant Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director,
Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt
Resolution No. 40338.**

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

**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

18. [RES40339](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Best Parking Lot Cleaning, Inc., in the amount of \$175,000, plus applicable taxes, for a total of \$407,535, budgeted from the Solid Waste Fund, for continued vector truck and cleaning services for the oil/water separators, sumps, vaults, and catch basins at the Tacoma Recovery and Transfer Center, through May 31, 2020 - Specification No. ES14-0646F.
[Shane Pettit, Assistant Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40339.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

19. [RES40340](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with RailPros Field Services Inc., in the amount of \$250,000, plus applicable taxes, for a total of \$450,000, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for continued railroad inspection and flagging services for the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge project - Direct Negotiation.
[Chris Storey, Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40340, including waiving formal bidding procedures.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

20. [RES40341](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Comprehensive Life Resources, in the amount of \$80,000.00, plus applicable taxes, for a total of \$2,869,176.85, budgeted from the Mental Health Fund, for youth and young adult shelter services - Direct Negotiation.

[Erica Azcueta, Homelessness and Household Stability Program Manager;
Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40341, including waiving formal bidding procedures.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

21. [RES40342](#) A resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with EarthCorps, in an amount not to exceed \$247,240.97, for a total of \$440,524.97, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, to continue to manage volunteers who assist in the restoration and care of the City's passive open spaces, through December 31, 2021.
[Eric Johnson, P.E., Assistant Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40342.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

22. [RES40343](#) A resolution approving a change order to complete renovations and repairs to the Pantages Theater and Jones Building; approving agreements to fund a portion of the project costs in return for Federal Historic Tax Credits; and directing the City Manager, or her designee, authority to approve final forms of the agreements and related documents.

[Teresa Sedmak, City Treasurer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 40343.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

23. [ORD28586](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for the position of City Manager, retroactive to May 16, 2019.

[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28586.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

24. [19-0542](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the establishment of a proposed Joint Base Lewis McChord Airport Compatibility Overlay District.

[Larry Harala, Associate Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

The public hearing began at 5:38 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jeff Becker, Joint Base Lewis McChord.
2. Barbara Hopkins, 7218 South Oakes Street.

- 3. Steven Delbo, 3250 South 77th Street.

The public hearing ended at 6:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli reported updates on relocation assistance applications, Stability Site milestones, and Tacoma Police Department hiring and fair and impartial training programs.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee (held over from the May 21, 2019 meeting)

Council Member Mello, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the April 24, 2019 meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Sustainable Tacoma Commission’s work plan and renaming of the Puyallup River Bridge to the “Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge”. He stated at the May 8, 2019 meeting, the Committee received presentations on Environmental Services’ strategic plan and the Urban Design Studio. He concluded by stating at the May 22, 2019 meeting, the Committee interviewed applicants for the Planning Commission and received an update on the Building Code.

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Blocker, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the May 9, 2019 meeting, the Committee interviewed applicants for the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board, recommended three applicants for appointment, and received a presentation on the Northwest Detention Center. He stated at the May 23, 2019 meeting, the Committee interviewed applicants for the Human Services Commission and recommended three applicants for reappointment and four for appointment. He concluded by reporting the next meeting will be on June 13, 2019, and will include presentations on reducing emergency medicine treatment errors, a Rental Housing Code amendment, and South Sound 911 restructure.

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Council Member Ushka stated the Eastside Farmers Market, located at South 35th Street and South McKinley Avenue, is open every Tuesday now through August 27, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.

Council Member Mello stated the Tacoma Ocean Fest will take place on Sunday, June 9, 2019, at Foss Waterway Seaport, located at 705 Dock Street, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk