



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

**April 08, 2014**

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

## **FLAG SALUTE**

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Ibsen.

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

## **ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

- 1. 14-0260** Minutes of the Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee, February 13, 2014.
- 2. 14-0253** Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, February 12, 2014.
- 3. 14-0254** Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, February 12, 2014.
- 4. 14-0255** Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, February 26, 2014.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 38876 at this time.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.**

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

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

- 11. RES38876** A resolution amending the Water Rate and Financial Policy to facilitate the development of term-limited, market-based wholesale water rates.  
(Continued from the meeting of April 8, 2014)  
[Sean Senescall, Rates and Financial Policy Manager; Linda McCrea, Water Superintendent]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to continue Resolution No. 38876 to the meeting of April 22, 2014.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.**

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

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

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5. 14-0285** Minutes of the City Council study session of January 7, 2014.
- 6. 14-0286** Minutes of the City Council study session of January 14, 2014.
- 7. 14-0287** Minutes of the City Council study session of January 21, 2014.
- 8. 14-0288** Minutes of the City Council study session of January 28, 2014.

## RESOLUTIONS

9.       **RES38875**       A resolution setting Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at approximately 5:30 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the recommendations of the Community and Economic Development Department for the City's proposed 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development. [Carey Jenkins, Housing Division Manager; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt the consent agenda, including Resolution No. 38875.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.**

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

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

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.       **14-0282**       Proclaiming the week of April 14-18, 2014 as Registered Apprenticeship Awareness Week.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed the week of April 14-18, 2014 as Registered Apprenticeship Awareness Week and presented the proclamation to Mr. Mark Martinez of the Pierce County Building & Construction Trades Council, and Ms. Shana Peschek of the Construction Center of Excellence.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:14 p.m.

No one came forward to address the Council.

Public comment ended at 5:15 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

- 12. RES38877** A resolution designating the J.E. Aubry Wagon & Auto Works Building located at 2105 South C Street and the Hunt-Mottet Warehouse Building located at 2109 South C Street, as City Landmarks and adding said buildings to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places.  
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38877.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.**

**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

- 13. RES38878** A resolution authorizing the execution of letters of agreement with Teamsters Local Union No. 117, General Unit, which covers approximately 191.5 budgeted positions, for market-based wage adjustments and other compensation, effective retroactive to January 1, 2014.  
[David Topaz, Labor Negotiator; Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38878.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.**

**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

14. **RES38879** A resolution approving revisions to the City's Compensation Philosophy section on competitiveness.  
[Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38879.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.**

**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

15. **RES38880** A resolution authorizing the use of up to \$30,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, for advertising and meeting costs related to the 2014 City Charter Review.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 38880.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.**

**ACTION: Roll call vote was requested and taken. The Resolution was declared adopted by the following vote:**

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

## **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

16. **ORD28214** An ordinance renewing a non-exclusive franchise to Level 3 Communications, LLC, to construct, operate, and repair a telecommunications system throughout the City of Tacoma.  
[Jeff Lueders, Cable Communications and Franchise Services Manager; T.C. Broadnax, City Manager]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28214 was set over for final reading on April 29, 2014.**

17. **ORD28215** 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 Teamsters Local Union No. 117, General Unit.  
[David Topaz, Labor Negotiator; Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28215 was set over for final reading next week.**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

18. **14-0249** This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed declaration of surplus and sale of a .45-acre parcel of Tacoma Water property near the intersection of State Highway 165 and Ryan Road in Buckley, Washington, to the City of Buckley.  
[Gloria Fletcher, Senior Real Estate Officer; Linda McCrea, Superintendent, Tacoma Water]

The public hearing began at 5:31 p.m.

No one came forward to address the Council.

The public hearing ended at 5:34 p.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **CITIZENS' FORUM**

Citizens' Forum began at 5:34 p.m.

Speaking before the Council:

1. Joey Marzano, citizen, speaking on public disclosure
2. Emily Garofalo, 2909 N. 28th Street, speaking on biking
3. Stacey Car Konen, Tacoma Farmers Market, speaking on the 2014 market season opening
4. Dean Wilson, 1401 S. Sunset Drive, speaking on the West Slope area/concerns over shortplattng
5. Mike Flemming, 1520 S. Fairview Drive, speaking on the West Slope area/concerns over shortplattng
6. Jean Jones, 1740 S. Fernside, speaking on the West Slope area/concerns over shortplattng
7. Jeri Wright, 1222 Karl Johan, speaking on the West Slope area/concerns over shortplattng
8. Ginny Eberhart, 1317 S. Winnifred, speaking on the West Slope area/concerns over shortplattng

9. Randy Marquis, 1020 S. 41st, speaking on paid sick leave
10. Steven Pimentel, 901 136th Street Court South, speaking on paid sick days
11. Bernadine Power, 3828 E K A, speaking on paid sick days
12. Ray Bennett, 7056 Fawcett Avenue, speaking on paid sick leave
13. Mark Lexington, 1502 South Karl Johan, speaking on the West Slope area/concerns over shortplattng
14. Andrew Wright, 3807 S. 34th Street, speaking on paid sick days
15. Brenda Wiest, 3419 N. Cheyenne, speaking on paid sick days/taxis/rideshare
16. Max Nelsen, P.O. Box 552, Olympia, WA, speaking on paid sick leave
17. Tom McCarthy, 801 South Cushman Avenue, speaking on paid sick leave
18. Antonio Flores, 410 N. 1st Street, speaking on paid sick leave
19. Anne Flood, 7701 S. Suspension, speaking on the West Slope area/concerns over shortplattng
20. Tom Oldfield, 1212 Fernside Drive, speaking on the West Slope area/concerns over shortplattng
21. Vince Kueter, 817 North Grant, speaking on paid sick days
22. Linda Foster, citizen, speaking on paid sick days

Citizens' Forum ended at 6:17 p.m.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated the Neighborhood and Community Services Department Code Compliance section has recently completed its proactive windshield survey of 19,792 parcels along arterial streets and business districts in Tacoma. He noted they identified 1,405 parcels that have the opportunity to address nuisance-related items such as overgrown vegetation, litter, and debris. He stated the City will be mailing postcards to each of the property owners to alert them about the condition of their property. In addition, he noted staff will be promoting the rapid graffiti removal pilot to the 184 properties that have potential graffiti violations. He noted this does not replace the City's standard investigation process, and to report a concern for investigation individuals can call Code Compliance at (253) 591-5001.

Mr. Broadnax also noted the Tacoma Rainiers opened their 20th season of being known as the "Rainiers" and affiliated with the Seattle Mariners. He stated in preparation for opening week, City departments worked to ensure the construction of two new entry/directional signs, and the parking lot was redone as part of the City's project to create green streets.

Finally, he stated on May 13, 2014, the City of Tacoma will be recognized as the recipient of the 2014 State Historic Preservation Officer's Award in the Historic Preservation Planning category. He stated City elected officials, staff, and the Planning and Development Services Department are being commended for taking proactive steps in amending the Tacoma Municipal Code to aid the effort of preservation in Tacoma.

## COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Ibsen announced upcoming events, including the Talk the Walk meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2014, an opportunity for residents of Council District No. 1 to discuss where pedestrian improvements are needed in their area; and the Junior Daffodil Parade in the Proctor District on Saturday.

Council Member Boe announced upcoming arts events, including the Puget Sound Poetry Connection's Distinguished Writers Series this Friday at 7:00 p.m., and Madame Butterfly presented by Tacoma Opera, this Friday and Sunday at the Pantages Theatre.

Mayor Strickland reminded everyone of the ongoing Charter Review process and opportunities for citizens to provide input, including this week's public hearing and next week's Telephone Town Hall. She noted those interested may also share comments via email at [CharterReview@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:CharterReview@cityoftacoma.org).

## ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk