



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

March 19, 2019

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Thoms.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Helen Engle, who dedicated her life to preserving our environment.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [19-0213](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, February 14, 2019.
2. [19-0216](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, January 15, 2019.
3. [19-0210](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, January 9, 2019.
4. [19-0211](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, January 9, 2019.
5. [19-0231](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, January 16, 2019.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 40258 at this time.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

- 19. [RES40258](#) A resolution directing the City Manager to explore, initiate, and report back to the City Council on potential tools and strategies to promote affordability and remove barriers to construction of diverse housing types, including accessory dwelling units. [Elliott Barnett, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to remove Resolution No. 40258 from the agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

6. [19-0218](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole special meeting, November 6, 2018.

RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES40248](#) A resolution setting Thursday, April 25, 2019, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of South 45th Street, lying between Union Avenue and its terminus abutting Tacoma Water's Flume Line property on South Tacoma Way, for potential secured parking and future business expansion. (Donald and Janet Medley; File No. 124.1394)
[Ronda Cornforth, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40248.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40248.

The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. [19-0205](#) Proclaiming March 2019 as Women's History Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed March 2019 as Women's History Month and presented the proclamation to City Manager Elizabeth Pauli and Tacoma Public Utilities Director Jackie Flowers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:19 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Molly Nichols, Tacoma Tenants Organizing Committee (TTOC), speaking on Ordinance No. 28576.
2. Carl Anderson, TTOC, speaking on Ordinance No. 28576.
3. Joseph Atkinson, 5801 Orchard Street West, speaking on Resolution No. 40258 and Ordinance No. 28576.
4. Alfred Kirk, 216 Puyallup Avenue, speaking on Resolution No. 40258 and Ordinance No. 28576.
5. Martha Ward, 901 South 13th Street Southeast, speaking on Ordinance No. 28576.
6. Rebecca Parson, 3110 South 10th Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28576.
7. Heidi White, 4705 South American Lake Boulevard, speaking on Ordinance No. 28576.
8. Venus Dergan, 4714 South American Lake Boulevard, speaking on Ordinance No. 28576.
9. Joseph Hann, 514 South "I" Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28576.

Public Comment ended at 5:35 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. [19-0244](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all personal injury claims against the City in the matter of Kathleen Anderson v. City of Tacoma, Pioneer Human Services, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 18-2-08318-0, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$70,000.

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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

APPOINTMENTS

10. [RES40249](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40249.

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

11. [RES40250](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Keen Independent Research, LLC, in the amount of \$244,000, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Human Resources Internal Fund, for a Workforce Equity Study, for an initial contract term of one year, with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms, at no additional cost
- Specification No. HR18-Doc1493542883.
[Shelby Fritz, Assistant Director; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40250.

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

12. [RES40251](#) A resolution authorizing an increase and extending the contract with KPFF, Inc., by an amount not to exceed \$943,013, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$1,131,947, budgeted from the Solid Waste Fund, for engineering design services for the Solid Waste Management Maintenance Shop and Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Station Upgrade, through December 31, 2020 - Contract No. CW2226954.
[Jody Bratton, P.E., Senior Project Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40251.

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

13. [RES40252](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Fehr & Peers, in the amount of \$200,000, plus applicable taxes, for a total contract amount of \$350,000, budgeted from the Street Fund, for continued routine and emergency traffic engineering and analysis services - Architectural and Engineering Roster.
[Josh Diekmann, P.E., Assistant Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40252.

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

14. [RES40253](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Concord Engineering Inc, in the amount of \$205,000, plus applicable taxes, for a total contract amount of \$400,000, budgeted from the Street Fund, for continued routine and emergency traffic engineering and analysis services - Architectural and Engineering Roster.
[Josh Diekmann, P.E., Assistant Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40253.

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

15. [RES40254](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Helix Design Group, Inc., in the amount of \$231,866.80, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$2,329,111.80, to be funded or reimbursed from bond proceeds, for project management, architectural and engineering services for Tacoma Dome capital projects
- Specification No. CT12-0001F.
[Matt Balk, Operations Manager; Kim Bedier, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40254.

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. [RES40255](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Northwest Industrial Staffing, in the amount of \$1,130,000, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Convention Center and Tacoma Dome Funds, for Greater Tacoma Convention Center and Tacoma Dome temporary personnel services, for an initial contract term of two years, with the option to renew for one additional two-year term, for a projected contract total of \$2,260,000
- Specification No. PF18-0420F.
[Matt Balk, Operations Manager; Kim Bedier, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40255.

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

17. [RES40256](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Tacoma Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau, in the amount of \$1,596,132, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Convention Center Operating Fund, for marketing and promotion services to support travel and tourism development for the City of Tacoma, and for sales, marketing, and promotion services to support the sales program for the Greater Tacoma Convention Center, for an initial term of one year, with one automatic one-year extension through December 31, 2020 - Direct Negotiation.
[Kim Bedier, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40256, 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

18. [RES40257](#) A resolution approving the Open Space Current Use Assessment application by Christine and Karl Anderson, for the property located at 811 North Karl Johan Avenue, with a 90 percent tax reduction on eligible open space.
[Larry Harala, Associate Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40257.

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

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Resolution No. 40258 was removed from the agenda earlier in the meeting.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

20. [ORD28576](#) An amended ordinance amending Title 13 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Land Use Regulatory Code, by amending various chapters to modify regulations related to accessory dwelling units by allowing detached accessory dwelling units in single-family zoning districts, simplifying regulatory requirements, reducing regulatory barriers, and generally increasing flexibility regarding building design, size, and location, effective May 1, 2019. [Elliott Barnett, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to amend Amended Ordinance No. 28576 at Page 3, Line 1, to add an additional paragraph, reading as follows:

“WHEREAS the removal of the ADU owner occupancy requirement effectively removes the administrative need for a separate ADU land use permit, which adds time and cost to ADU permitting and construction”; and to further amend Exhibit “A” of Amended Ordinance No. 28576 by amending TMC 13.06.100 and TMC 13.06.150 to remove all references to the requirement to secure an ADU Permit; and to further amend Exhibit “A” of Amended Ordinance No. 28576 to include TMC 2.09.170, Land use permit fees, to remove the reference to the ADU permit from the Fee Code.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Amended Ordinance No. 28576, as amended. The Amended 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 5:50 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Joanne Hovis, CTC Technology and Energy, speaking on Click! Network.
2. Jackie Flowers, Tacoma Public Utilities, speaking on Click! Network.
3. Mitchell Shook, Advanced Stream, speaking on Click! Network.
4. Carol Kindt, 350 Tacoma, speaking on a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility.
5. Leilani King, resident, speaking on Click! Network.
6. José Chavez, resident, speaking on Click! Network.
7. Bliss Moore, Sierra Club, speaking on LNG SEIS.
8. Darren Moore, resident, speaking on LNG SEIS.
9. Nanette Reetz, resident, speaking on LNG SEIS.
10. Dakota Case, Puyallup Tribe, speaking on LNG SEIS.
11. Kyle Jolibois, Redefine Tacoma, speaking on LNG.
12. Leslie McCoy, 1320 North Washington Street, speaking on the Nuisance Code.
13. Paul Chromey, 6828 South "D" Street, speaking on communicating and staffing levels.
14. Carole Sue Braaten, 2410 Berry Lane East, speaking on LNG.
15. Ron Morrison, 2405 North Stevens Street, speaking on LNG.
16. Stacy Oaks, resident, speaking on LNG SEIS.
17. Horacio Perez-Morales, 1554 Market Street, speaking on housing.
18. Janice Bridges, 117 North Tacoma Avenue, speaking on changing street names.
19. Steve Way, 13129 Southwest 268th Street, Vashon, speaking on Puget Sound Energy (PSE) and LNG.
20. Kathy Lawhon, 1114 South 11th Street, speaking on landlord retaliation.
21. Heidi White, 4705 South American Lake Boulevard, speaking on Click! Network.
22. Venus Dergan, 4714 South American Lake Boulevard, speaking on Click! Network.

23. Tracy Wiegman, 6513 East “B” Street, speaking on water.
24. Randolph Fritz, 1233 South Jackson Avenue, speaking on Click! Network.
25. Kit Burns, 1010 South 6th Avenue, speaking on Click! Network.
26. William Kupinse, resident, speaking on environmental justice.
27. Elizabeth Satiacum, Puyallup Tribe, speaking on water.
28. Steven Storms, 1316 Browns Point Boulevard, speaking on LNG and global warming.
29. Barb Church, resident, speaking on LNG and global warming.
30. Wendy Pantoja Castillo, resident, speaking on immigration and garbage.
31. Marilyn Kimmerling, 4414 North 34th Street, speaking on LNG, fracking, and Click! Network.
32. Aliza Yair, resident, speaking on LNG and PSE.
33. Dominic Petoud, Seattle, speaking on LNG.

Citizens' Forum ended at 7:32 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Ibsen, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported at the March 5, 2019 meeting, the Committee received an update on the 2018 Results²⁵³ and Open Data annual report; and at today's meeting, the Committee received presentations on Environmental Services' Financial Policy update and Tacoma Water's Wholesale Pricing and Policy revisions. He concluded that the next Committee meeting will be on April 2, 2019, and the agenda is to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk