



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

December 17, 2019

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:04 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 Beale.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [19-1438](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, November 12, 2019.
2. [19-1439](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meetings, November 7 and 8, 2019.
3. [19-1440](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, November 13, 2019.
4. [19-1442](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, November 13, 2019.
5. [19-1428](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission meeting, November 12, 2019.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 41, Ordinance No. 28648, regarding the Property Tax Exemptions for Multi-Family Housing, 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

- 41. [ORD28648](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.110 of the Municipal Code, relating to Property Tax Exemptions for Multi-Family Housing, to update affordability and equity in contracting requirements, effective March 1, 2020.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to continue the final reading of Ordinance No. 28648 to a date to be determined.

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. [19-1437](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, November 12, 2019.
- 7. [19-1449](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, November 19, 2019.

RESOLUTIONS

- 8. [RES40510](#) A resolution setting Thursday, January 30, 2020, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate all those portions of publicly dedicated streets, lying between East 48th Street and East 52nd Street, within the park boundaries of Swan Creek Park for park enhancements and improvements. (Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma; File No. 124.1406)
[Ronda Van Allen, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

- 9. [ORD28606](#) An ordinance reclassifying the property bounded by South 19th, South Proctor, South Madison, and South Durango Streets, from a C-1 General Neighborhood Commercial District and a T Transitional District to a R-4-L Low-Density Multiple-Family Dwelling District, to develop the Tacoma Behavioral Hospital. (Tacoma Life Properties, LLC; File No. LU18-0301)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

- 10. [ORD28652](#) An ordinance vacating the west 14 feet of North Pine Street, lying between the southerly line of North 29th Street and the eastern extension of the northerly line of North 28th Street alley, to facilitate subdivision of the property into an additional lot for development. (John and Miyon Kautz; File No. 124.1398)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40510, final reading of Ordinance No. 28606, and first reading of Ordinance No. 28652.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to consider Ordinance No. 28606, relating to the Tacoma Behavioral Hospital, separately from the Consent 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

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[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28606. The Ordinance was declared failed by the following vote:

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

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28652.

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: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40510 and setting Ordinance No. 28652 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:17 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Luke Byram, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28649.
2. Amanda DeShazo, Tacoma Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium, speaking on Resolution No. 40527.
3. Tony Ivey, Washington Environmental Council, speaking on Resolution No. 40529.
4. Kasey Rider, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28649.
5. Fernando Manzo, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28649.
6. Mitchell Shook, Advanced Stream, speaking on Ordinance Nos. 28642 and 28643 and Resolution Nos. 40520 and 40527.
7. Sean Arent, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40527.
8. Devin Rydel Kelly, Tacoma Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), speaking on Resolution No. 40527.
9. Megan Capes, Tacoma DSA, speaking on Resolution No. 40527.
10. Marcus Bartlett, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40527.
11. Nicole Crockett, Tacoma DSA, speaking on Resolution No. 40527.
12. Theresa Power-Drutis, resident, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40523 and 40527.
13. Rosemary Powers, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40527.
14. Todd Holloway, Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, speaking on Ordinance No. 28649.
15. Cathy Carruthers, 5914 South Park Avenue, speaking on Resolution No. 40529.
16. Michael Mirra, Tacoma Housing Authority, speaking on Resolution No. 40527.
17. Jim House, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28649.
18. Peggy Ross, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40527.
19. Judith Mitchels, 1757 South Proctor Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28606.
20. Howard Anderson, 1757 South Proctor Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28606.

Public Comment ended at 5:53 p.m.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 42, Ordinance No. 28649, regarding closed captioning, 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

42. [ORD28649](#)

An ordinance amending Chapter 1.29 of the Municipal Code, related to the Human Rights Commission, by adding a new Section 1.29.190, entitled “Provision of Universal Closed Captioning,” to require persons owning or managing a place of public accommodations to activate closed captioning on television receivers located within the City, effective March 1, 2020.

[Lucas Smiraldo, Management Analyst II; Diane Powers, Director, Office of Equity and Human Rights]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28649. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

REGULAR AGENDA

11. [19-1448](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all personal injury claims against the City, for damages relating to a third-party automobile accident, in the matter of Steve Chea, an unmarried man, individually, and Steve Chea, as personal representative of the Estate of Thao Vo v. City of Tacoma, et al., Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 18-2-07841-1, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$175,000.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all personal injury claims against the City, for damages relating to a third-party automobile accident, in the matter of Steve Chea, an unmarried man, individually, and Steve Chea, as personal representative of the Estate of Thao Vo v. City of Tacoma, et al., Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 18-2-07841-1, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$175,000.

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

APPOINTMENTS

12. [RES40511](#) A resolution reappointing individuals to the Board of Ethics.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40511.

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. [RES40512](#) A resolution reappointing Alex Strautman to the Citizen Police Advisory Committee.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40512.

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. [RES40513](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Landmarks Preservation Commission and the Sustainable Tacoma Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40513.

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. [RES40514](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Tacoma Arts Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40514.

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

16. [RES40515](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Axum General Construction Inc, in the amount of \$1,063,539.99, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a total of \$1,223,070.99, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for the restoration of approximately one mile of arterial roadway, construction of ADA curb ramps, and installation of traffic signal improvements - Specification No. PW19-0267F. [Nick Correll, Engineer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40515.

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. [RES40516](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Construct Incorporated, in the amount of \$557,800, plus applicable taxes, plus a 16 percent contingency, for a total of \$647,048, budgeted from the Capital Project Fund, for the Tacoma Municipal Building 5th floor tenant improvements - Specification No. PW19-0333F. [Mina Zarelli, Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40516.

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. [RES40517](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Pease & Sons Inc., in the amount of \$3,748,369.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 16 percent contingency, for a total of \$4,348,108.04, budgeted from the Public Safety Fund, for the construction of a new fire station in the Tideflats - Specification No. PW19-0306F.
[Mina Zarelli, Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40517.

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. [RES40518](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Dickson Company, in the amount of \$52,500, plus applicable taxes, plus a 30 percent contingency, for a total of \$68,250, budgeted from the Asphalt Plant Fund, for crushed and natural aggregate, for an initial contract period of one year, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods, for a projected contract total of \$341,250 - Specification No. PW19-0364F.
[Rae Bailey, Street Operations Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40518.

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. [RES40519](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Holroyd Company, in the amount of \$266,900, plus applicable taxes, plus a 30 percent contingency, for a total of \$346,970, budgeted from the Asphalt Plant Fund, for crushed and natural aggregate, for an initial contract period of one year, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods, for a projected contract total of \$1,734,850 - Specification No. PW19-0364F.
[Rae Bailey, Street Operations Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40519.

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

21. [RES40520](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Mountain Stone Aggregate LLC, in the amount of \$244,000, plus applicable taxes, plus a 30 percent contingency, for a total of \$317,200, budgeted from the Asphalt Plant Fund, for crushed and natural aggregate, for an initial contract period of one year, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods, for a projected contract total of \$1,586,000 - Specification No. PW19-0364F.
[Rae Bailey, Street Operations Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40520.

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. [RES40521](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Granite Construction Co, in the amount of \$144,000.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 25 percent contingency, for a total of \$180,000.00, budgeted from the Asphalt Plant Fund, for the purchase of reclaimed asphalt product and reclaimed asphalt shingles on an as-needed basis, for an initial contract period of one year, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods, for a projected contract total of \$1,014,676.73 - Specification No. PW19-0384F.
[Rae Bailey, Street Operations Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40521.

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

23. [RES40522](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Mercer Health & Benefits LLC, in the amount of \$1,375,000, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Health Care Trust Fund, for employee benefits brokerage and consulting services, for an initial contract period of five years, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods - Specification No. HR19-0136F.
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40522.

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

24. [RES40523](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Comprehensive Life Resources, in the amount of \$210,538.00, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Fund, for the New Beginnings scope of work, for a cumulative contract total of \$3,647,215.35 - Contract No. CW2227270.
[Vicky McLaurin, Program Manager; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40523.

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

25. [RES40524](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center, in the amount of \$420,000, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative contract total of \$840,000, budgeted from the General Fund, for domestic violence services - Direct Negotiation.
[Vicky McLaurin, Program Manager; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40524, 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

26. [RES40508](#) This is the second reading of a resolution amending the *Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma* by adding a new rule, Rule 8.B, entitled “Amendments to Motions, Resolutions, and Ordinances,” to establish best practices related to amending Council legislation; by changing the name of “Citizens’ Forum” to “Community Forum”; and by changing references from “citizen” to “resident” or “community member.”
[Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

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

27. [RES40525](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a cooperative agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, in the amount of \$542,684, accepting and depositing said sum into the Solid Waste Fund, to offset costs associated with the replacement of four diesel-powered refuse collection trucks with compressed natural gas trucks.
[James G. Parvey, P.E., Environmental Policy and Sustainability Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40525.

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

28. [RES40526](#) A resolution approving the City’s Compensation Philosophy, to create and strengthen a culture of transparency and trust through a competitive classification and compensation program.
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40526.

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

29. [RES40527](#) A resolution establishing the activities and income criteria for the City’s Affordable Housing Fund, for the purpose of prioritizing projects that are eligible for funding.
[Daniel Murillo, Housing Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40527.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to amend Resolution No. 40527 on Page 2, Lines 1-4 to remove the words “augment existing projects that may have funding shortfalls, and in which an award from AHF will expedite the project timeline” and replace with the following words: “projects with existing funds, including from the City, in order to facilitate affordable housing development,” to read as follows:

WHEREAS staff recommendations for eligible use are: (1) projects with existing funds, including from the City, in order to facilitate affordable housing development;

He further moved to amend Resolution No. 40527 on Page 2, Lines 6-7 by adding the words “site improvement, and building construction” after the word “acquisition,” to read as follows:

(3) provide as site acquisition, site improvement, and building construction capital for projects that meet eligibility requirements, and

He further moved to amend Resolution No. 40527 on Page 2, Lines 8-12, by removing the word “target” and replacing it with the words “preference for”; by removing the number “50” and replacing it with the words “at or below 60”; by removing the words “require to” and replacing them with the words “give preference to projects which have other funding committed and allow the preliminary commitment of AHF investments with its final commitment contingent upon a project’s showing of its financial feasibility, including the procurement of other necessary funding sources”; and by removing the words “(3) require projects to spend down funds within an 18-24 month period, and,” to read as follows:

WHEREAS the recommendations for eligibility requirements are: (1) preference for households that make at or below 60 percent of Tacoma’s Area Median Income (“AMI”); (2) give preference to projects which have other funding committed and allow the preliminary commitment of AHF investments with its final commitment contingent upon a project’s showing of its financial feasibility, including the procurement of other necessary funding sources, and

He further moved to amend Resolution No. 40527 on Page 2, Line 17, by adding the words “in consultation with the AHAS Technical Advisory Group (“TAG”)” after the word “staff,” to read as follows:

WHEREAS if a future action results in a significant increase in funding, staff, in consultation with the AHAS Technical Advisory Group (“TAG”), will reevaluate the uses and requirements to determine whether changes are necessary; Now, Therefore,

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to amend Resolution No. 40527. The motion was declared adopted.

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

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

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

- 30.** [RES40528](#) A resolution authorizing the use of up to \$5,000 of City Council Contingency Funds, to conduct a survey of home sale prices over a two to three month period of time and take needed steps towards requesting that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development revise the area-median sales prices on existing homes and new construction in order to submit the changes with the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan with an effective date of July 1, 2020.
[Council Member Ibsen]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40528.

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

31. [RES40529](#) A resolution expressing the City Council’s support for an affirmative vote in 2020 by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Board for the most robust proposal, “Scenario D,” of the regional Clean Fuel Standard rule.
[Council Member Beale]

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 40529.

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

32. [RES40530](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of funds, in the amount of \$1,500, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to support the Stadium Historic Business District Association’s 15th Annual Dickens Festival; and directing the City Manager to confirm deliverables for the funding commitment.
[Council Member Thoms]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40530.

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

33. [RES40531](#) A resolution removing member restrictions from the Tacoma Permit Advisory Task Force to allow the City Manager flexibility in appointing representatives as appropriate.

[Deputy Mayor McCarthy]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40531.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mello

34. [RES40532](#) A resolution approving the cancellation of the following seven regular City Council meetings in 2020: January 2, January 21, March 10, May 26, September 8, December 22, and December 29.

[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40532.

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

35. [ORD28642](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.01 of the Municipal Code, relating to Utility Charges, to extend the waiver of power and water utility connection and inspection fees for cities in Tacoma Power and Tacoma Water service territories during the current declared state of emergency, relating to the conditions of homeless encampments located in the City; effective January 1, 2020 and until the declared state of emergency has ended.

[Tom Morrill, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28642. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Beale

36. [ORD28643](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to Water - Regulations and Rates, for wholesale rate adjustments, effective January 1, 2020; System Development Charge adjustments, effective January 1, 2020; and Fixed Fees adjustments, effective January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2024; and repealing Ordinance No. 28614 in its entirety. [Lyna Vo, Utilities Economist; Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent].

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28643. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Beale

37. [ORD28644](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.45 of the Municipal Code, relating to Neighborhood Councils, to adopt proposed changes to the Neighborhood Council Program.

[Bucoda Warren, Senior Management Fellow; Allyson Griffith, Program Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28644. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Beale

38. [ORD28645](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.95 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Rental Housing Code, to update language to reflect Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5600 and the State of Washington's Residential Landlord-Tenant Act regarding notification requirements for pay-or-vacate notices.

[Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28645. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

39. [ORD28646](#) An ordinance amending Title 18 of the Municipal Code, relating to Minimum Employment Standards, by repealing in its entirety Chapter 18.20, entitled "Minimum Wage", and relying on Washington State minimum wage law and the Department of Labor and Industries enforcement.

[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28646. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

40. [ORD28647](#) An ordinance amending Subtitle 6A of the Municipal Code, relating to the Tax Code, to change the due date for annual business and occupation tax returns, and to simplify how taxpayers apportion income reported under the service and other tax classification.

[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28647. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

41. [ORD28648](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.110 of the Municipal Code, relating to Property Tax Exemptions for Multi-Family Housing, to update affordability and equity in contracting requirements, effective March 1, 2020.

[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

Ordinance No. 28648 was continued to a date to be determined earlier in the meeting.

42. [ORD28649](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.29 of the Municipal Code, related to the Human Rights Commission, by adding a new Section 1.29.190, entitled “Provision of Universal Closed Captioning,” to require persons owning or managing a place of public accommodations to activate closed captioning on television receivers located within the City, effective March 1, 2020.
[Lucas Smiraldo, Management Analyst II; Diane Powers, Director, Office of Equity and Human Rights]

Ordinance No. 28649 was considered earlier in the meeting.

43. [ORD28651](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Administration, to update the formal bid and governing body threshold, clarify language related to the authorization to pay recurring software license and maintenance fees, standardize contract amendment authority, and clarify parameters for governing body approval of Citywide contracts and other minor updates.
[Patsy Best, Procurement and Payables Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28651. 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.

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 (GPFC), reported at the December 3, 2019 meeting, the Committee approved the previous meeting minutes and discussed potential topics that may be brought before GPFC in the year 2020; at today’s meeting the Committee completed the 2019 Moss Adams entrance conference and received an informational briefing on affordable housing incentives. He concluded by stating the January 7, 2020 meeting has been cancelled and the next meeting will be held on January 21, 2020 and will include presentations on Human Resources’ payroll module replacement project and Tacoma Public Utilities’ draft policy for surplus real property.

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Mayor Woodards stated that the Lime Scooter Operations Team will be removing all Lime scooters from Tacoma streets for the winter and will be available for rental in early spring of 2020 due to safety and weather concerns.

Recognition of outgoing Council Members

Mayor Woodards recognized Council Member Ibsen for his service as Council Member and provided him with a proclamation, plaque, and photograph.

Mayor Woodards recognized Council Member Mello for his service as Council Member and provided him with a proclamation, plaque, and photograph.

Puyallup Tribe members shared an honor song and presented and wrapped the outgoing Council Members with blankets.

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Mayor Woodards stated that the December 26, 2019 and January 2, 2020 City Council study sessions and business meetings have been cancelled, and reminded everyone to get their buttons for First Night.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk