



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

June 02, 2015

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Lonergan.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [15-0484](#) Minutes of the City Events and Recognitions Committee, March 23, 2015.
2. [15-0485](#) Minutes of the City Events and Recognitions Committee, April 13, 2015.
3. [15-0535](#) Minutes of the City Events and Recognitions Committee, April 27, 2015.
4. [15-0560](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, April 14, 2015.
5. [15-0562](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, April 28, 2015.
6. [15-0570](#) Minutes of the Human Rights Commission, January 15, 2015.
7. [15-0534](#) Minutes of the Joint Municipal Action Committee, April 10, 2015.
8. [15-0559](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, May 6, 2015.

9. [15-0565](#) Minutes of the Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee special meeting, November 13, 2014.
10. [15-0566](#) Minutes of the Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee special meeting, November 13, 2014.
11. [15-0567](#) Minutes of the Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee special meeting, November 24, 2014.
12. [15-0568](#) Minutes of the Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee, December 11, 2014.
13. [15-0551](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, April 8, 2015.
14. [15-0552](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, April 8, 2015.
15. [15-0526](#) Monthly Financial Reports for the Fleet Services Fund, Self-Insurance Claim Fund, Tacoma Power, Tacoma Rail, Tacoma Rail Mountain Division, and Tacoma Water, March 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

16. [RES39201](#) A resolution setting Thursday, July 9, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate the portion of South 22nd Street lying between the east margin of Interstate 705 and the west margin of Dock Street, to facilitate full closure of the rail crossing.
(BNSF Railway Company; File No. 124.1349)
[Ronda Cornforth, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]
17. [RES39202](#) A resolution setting Thursday, July 9, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a one-foot portion of Commerce Street, South 15th Street, and Pacific Avenue to cure a building foundation encroachment previously permitted under Street Occupancy Permit 140. (Tacoma Hospitality, L.L.C.; File No. 124.1356)
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

- 18. [RES39203](#) A resolution setting Thursday, July 16, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of South 52nd Street lying east of South Trafton Street and west of the alley, for residential development.
(SNR Northwest Properties, LLC; File No. 124.1352)
[Ronda Cornforth, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolutions Nos. 39201, 39202, and 39203.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including Resolutions Nos. 39201, 39202, and 39203, was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 19. [15-0572](#) Recognizing the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, for their Peanut Butter Drive to support the Emergency Food Network.

Mayor Strickland recognized Alice Philips, Business Manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, for their Peanut Butter Drive to support the Emergency Food Network.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:11 p.m.

Speaking before the Council:

1. Sondra Purcell, citizen, speaking on Resolution No. 39208.
2. Seth Lundgaard, citizen, speaking on Resolution No. 39208.
3. Sharon Winters, Historic Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39208.
4. Gerry Sperry, Historic Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39208.
5. Joanne Babic, citizen, speaking on Resolution No. 39208.
6. Michael Laine, citizen, speaking on Resolution No. 39208.
7. Bill Baarsma, Tacoma Historical Society, speaking on Resolution No. 39208.
8. Michael Sullivan, Artifacts, speaking on Resolution No. 39208.
9. Michael Buchanan, 919 Fawcett Avenue, speaking on Resolution No. 39208.

Public Comment ended at 5:26 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

20. [15-0578](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Jeffrey A. Kiser v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 13-2-14573-7, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$40,000.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Jeffrey A. Kiser v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 13-2-14573-7, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$40,000.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

APPOINTMENTS

21. [RES39204](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing Jeff Bessmer, Phil Coughlan, Rus Higley, and Agnes Pate to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission. [Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39204.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

22. [RES39205](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Pape & Sons Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$428,244.00, plus a 20 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$513,892.80, excluding sales tax, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for the construction of approximately 940 linear feet of 8-inch diameter underground wastewater pipe in the vicinity of 6th Avenue and Monroe Street - Specification No. ES15-0003F.

[Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Science and Engineering Division Manager;
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Council Member Woodards moved to adopt Resolution No. 39205.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 7 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

Recused: 1 - Boe

23. [RES39206](#) A resolution awarding a contract to IMS Infrastructure Management Services, L.L.C., in the amount of \$325,645, plus a contingency of \$24,355, for a cumulative total of \$350,000, plus sales tax, budgeted from the Street Fund, to perform a pavement condition index survey - Specification No. PW15-0223F. [Rae Bailey, Street Operations Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39206.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

RESOLUTIONS

24. [RES39193](#) This is the second reading of a resolution amending the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma to change the time for the Study Session from noon to 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday of each week, effective June 2, 2015; and to remove language related to consulting with the Committee of the Whole in various sections. (Continued from the meeting of May 19, 2015)
[T.C. Broadnax, City Manager]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to continue Resolution No. 39193 to a date to be determined.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

Resolution No. 39193 was continued to a date to be determined.

25. [RES39207](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interagency Agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology to improve the review of certain permits relating to the proposed Puget Sound Energy Liquefied Natural Gas Facility through December 31, 2015.
[Shirley Schultz, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39207.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

26. **RES39208** A resolution authorizing the purchase of the property located at 625 Commerce Street in the amount of \$4,000,000, plus closing costs, budgeted from the Economic Development Special Revenue Fund, for the preservation of Old City Hall.
[Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39208.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager T.C. Broadnax reported that beginning February 2016, Tacoma employers will be required to provide up to 24 hours of paid leave annually to employees which can be used for temporary time off of work for health or safety needs. The draft paid leave rules and regulations are now available for review on the City's website at www.cityoftacoma.org/paidleave. He stated two public meetings on the draft rules were held in April and May, and there will be two more opportunities in June for the community to provide input on June 10, 2015 at the STAR Center, and June 25, 2015 at the Tacoma Public Library Main Branch.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

Chair Campbell stated on April 14, 2015 the Committee heard a presentation on the Downtown Food Truck event, an update on the Spaceworks Program, and appointed a new member to the Tacoma Arts Commission. He reported at the meeting on April 28, 2015 the Committee heard a presentation from RockTenn, reviewed the Catalytic Project Program, and conducted City Events and Recognitions Committee interviews. He concluded by stating on May 26, 2015 the Committee heard a presentation on the business attraction, retention, and expansion efforts in Tacoma-Pierce County, and reviewed the first quarter Economic Indicators Report.

Deputy Mayor Boe stated the Crafts of the Past events will be held at Fort Nisqually this Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and the Tacoma Musical Playhouse will be presenting "The Buddy Holly Story". He thanked staff for their contributions to the mobility and historic preservation months, and he discussed the tweed ride.

Council Member Ibsen provided information on the Slavic Christian Center's anniversary, and the North End Neighborhood Council meetings.

Council Member Campbell provided information on the June 13, 2015 depavement of McKinley Hill and stated volunteers are needed from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and the June 14, 2015 McKinley District bicycle tour beginning at 10:00 a.m. starting at Lincoln High School.

Council Member Mello provided information on the art dedication for Dr. Gordon Klatt at Mt. Tahoma High School this Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Mayor Strickland provided information on the City of Destiny Awards tomorrow evening at Cheney Stadium at 5:00 p.m.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to excuse Council Member Walker from the meeting tonight.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 8 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Absent: 1 - Walker

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.



Marilyn Strickland, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk