



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

901 Broadway, Tacoma WA 98402  
Broadway Center for the Performing Arts  
December 13, 2017  
6:00 PM

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## Special Joint Meeting with the Metropolitan Park Board of Commissioners

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the special joint meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Thoms

Metro Parks Board of Commissioners:

Present: 2 - Reid and Smith

Absent: 3 - Baines, Hanberg and Pointer

## REGULAR AGENDA

1. [17-1244](#) Discussion of topics for the 2018 Regular Session of the Washington State Legislature

Mayor Strickland began by discussing the City of Tacoma 2018 legislative agenda. She stated the state legislature must pass a capital budget and if a budget is not passed by January 17, 2018, it will stall projects. She noted there are a number of projects in the proposed budget that are important to Tacoma and the list of local projects that would receive funding in the capital budget includes: Eastside Community Center, \$2.55 million; Pantages Theater, \$1 million; Tacoma Rhodes elevator, \$2 million; Tacoma Community House, \$2.5 million; Tacoma Art Museum, \$1.02 million; Eastside Boys & Girls Club, \$1 million; SeaMar Dental Clinic, \$149,000; Intrepid Spirit Center, \$1 million; Balfour Dock Building, \$560,000; and UW Tacoma (soil remediation), \$1 million.

Metro Parks Board President Andrea Smith then presented the Metro Parks 2018 legislative agenda, stating the capital budget is especially necessary to finish the Eastside Community Center.

Alan Varsik, Metro Parks, Zoological and Environmental Education Director, presented next on the Wildlife Trafficking Initiative, stating Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium and Northwest Trek Wildlife Park have long supported anti-wildlife trafficking initiatives and this work falls squarely within their growing programs that support their mission for environmental and conservation-based community engagement. He stated Metro Parks Tacoma supports the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife's request of \$450,000 per year to implement voter-approved anti-trafficking laws.

David Fischer, Executive Director, Broadway Center for the Performing Arts, next presented the Pantages Theater capital budget funding, stating the Pantages is in its 7th capital campaign. He thanked the support of state legislators, stating it is essential.

Michael Mirra, Executive Director, Tacoma Housing Authority (THA), concluded by presenting the Arlington Drive Youth Campus. He stated, with partners, THA is developing a campus near New Salishan for homeless youth and young adults that will provide a 12 bed Crisis Residential Center, 40 to 50 rental apartments, facilities for supportive services and social enterprises for job training.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the special joint meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk