



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

**February 10, 2015**

**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 Woodards.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [15-0128](#) Minutes of the City Events and Recognitions Committee, November 10, 2014.
2. [15-0129](#) Minutes of the City Events and Recognitions Committee, November 24, 2014.
3. [15-0132](#) Minutes of the City Events and Recognitions Committee, January 12, 2015.
4. [15-0084](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee special meeting, January 13, 2015.
5. [15-0111](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, January 14, 2015.
6. [15-0113](#) Minutes of the Neighborhoods and Housing Committee, January 5, 2015.
7. [15-0105](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, November 19, 2014.
8. [15-0106](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, November 19, 2014.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

9. [ORD28248](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code to reclassify a 5.38-acre parcel located at 1502 South Orchard Street from an “R-2” Single-Family Dwelling District to an “R-4-L” Low Density Multiple-Family Dwelling District to allow for future construction of a 121-unit apartment complex. (John Wise; File No. REZ2014-40000223041)  
[Phyllis Macleod, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Ordinance No. 28248.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda, including final reading of Ordinance No. 28248, was declared adopted.**

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

### PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. [15-0130](#) Proclaiming 2015 as the Year of the Bike in the City of Tacoma.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed 2015 as the Year of the Bike in the City of Tacoma and presented the proclamation to Kristina Walker and Chris Kelsey from Downtown on the Go.

11. [15-0131](#) Presentation of the 2014 Paths to Mount Tacoma award by the Tacoma Wheelmen’s Bicycle Club.

Darrell Eslinger and Bob Myrick from the Tacoma Wheelmen’s Bicycle Club presented the 2014 Paths to Mount Tacoma award to the City.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:21 p.m.

Speaking before the Council:

1. Traci Kelly, Tacoma Arts Commission, speaking on Resolution No. 39114.
2. Dane Meyer, Tacoma Arts Commission, speaking on Resolution No. 39114.
3. Rock Hushka, Tacoma Arts Museum, speaking on Resolution No. 39114.
4. Karen Jeffers, Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 39114.
5. Alton McDonald, Tacoma, speaking on public comment forum.

Public Comment ended at 5:31 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

12. [RES39111](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a collective bargaining agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Clerical Unit, which consists of approximately 169.1 budgeted, full-time equivalent positions, and provides for a wage increase of 2.2 percent, effective retroactive to January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.  
[Tara Schaak, Labor Negotiator; Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39111.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**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. [RES39112](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a collective bargaining agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Supervisors' Unit, which consists of approximately 13 budgeted, full-time equivalent positions, and provides for a wage increase of 2.2 percent, effective retroactive to January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.  
[Tara Schaak, Labor Negotiator; Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39112.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**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. [RES39113](#) A resolution directing the City Manager to work with staff to incorporate the “Theater District” label and brand in its future community and economic development efforts, as described in the North Downtown Subarea Plan of the Comprehensive Plan.  
[Pat Beard, Project Manager; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39113.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to amend Resolution No. 39113 by amending page one, line 12, to add the words “Broadway Center for the Performing Arts” before the words “Theatre on the Square.”**

**SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor 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

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

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

15. [RES39114](#) A resolution expressing support for the concept of the installation of Andy Warhol flower art on the Tacoma Dome roof, to be accomplished by a 100 percent private fundraising campaign to cover the total cost of installation, maintenance, cleaning, removal, and fundraising-related expenses; and directing the City Manager to work with the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation.  
[Kim Bedier, Director, Public Assembly Facilities]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to adopt Resolution No. 39114.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**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

## **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

16. [ORD28280](#) 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 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Clerical and Supervisors' Units.  
[Tara Schaak, Labor Negotiator; Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28280 was set over for final reading next week.**

17. [ORD28281](#) An ordinance amending Title 13 of the Municipal Code, entitled "Land Use Regulatory Code," to establish permanent land use regulations concerning the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana; superseding interim regulations enacted pursuant to Substitute Ordinance No. 28182.  
[Elliott Barnett, Associate Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to amend Ordinance No. 28281 by amending page three, line 2, to add the following language: "Whereas the Washington State Legislature is currently deliberating on potential changes pertaining to both recreational and medical marijuana which could raise new considerations, potentially including an increase in the number of marijuana businesses allowed in Tacoma and which, if enacted, could necessitate further modifications to the City's regulations. Once there is clarity regarding state-level changes, the City should convene a joint meeting of the City Council and the Planning Commission to address modifications."**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Boe, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, Mello, Thoms and Walker  
**Absent:** 2 - Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28281, as amended, was set over for final reading next week.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **CITIZENS' FORUM**

Citizens' Forum began at 6:03 p.m.

Speaking before the Council:

1. Joey Marzano, citizen, speaking on safety.
2. John Carlton, Tacoma, speaking on The News Tribune ad bags.
3. Alton McDonald, Tacoma, speaking on the Fire and Police Departments, and Point Ruston.
4. Bob Kiley, Tacoma, speaking on The News Tribune ad bags.
5. Janis Clark, Tacoma, speaking on women veterans.
6. Claudia Riedener, Tacoma, speaking on The News Tribune ad bags.
7. Jennifer Bradley, citizen, speaking on litter and animal welfare.
8. Janet Higbee, citizen, speaking on bikes and The News Tribune ad bags.

Citizens' Forum ended at 6:25 p.m.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

## **COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Council Member Ibsen stated there will be a series of town halls regarding the master plan process for Point Defiance Park, and they will be held in the Education Center located at the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium.

Council Member Campbell stated the Oasis Youth Center, Rainbow Center, Council Member Mello, Washington State House Representative Laurie Jinkins, and Tacoma School Board Director Catherine Ushka will be hosting a forum in response to an anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) hate crime that occurred this week in the City. He noted the forum will be held at the Rainbow Center and invited the community to participate.

Council Member Mello thanked Council Member Campbell for his efforts to help the community respond to the hate crime in a positive way. He noted the incident does not mean Tacoma is unsafe, and looks forward to organizing quickly to make sure it does not happen again and to help the survivor.

Council Member Mello then stated the Environmental Protection Agency certified the City's plan to address poor air quality levels, and changed the City's status from non-attainment to attainment, which is good for public health and the economy. He noted the City must maintain high air quality standards for the next ten years, and provided information regarding burn bans. Council Member Mello concluded by thanking staff, the Clean Air Agency, policy makers, and citizens for their efforts in achieving cleaner air.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk