



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

May 02, 2017

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to suspend Rule 1.E of the Rules of Procedure of the Council to allow Council Members Mello and Walker Lee to participate in tonight's meeting telephonically.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Council Members Mello and Walker Lee participated telephonically.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Blocker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [17-0448](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, March 22, 2017.
2. [17-0449](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, March 22, 2017.

- 3. [17-0434](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, March 15, 2017.
- 4. [17-0433](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, special meeting, March 25, 2017.

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Mayor Strickland stated at this time the Council will consider a series of motions regarding the selection of finalists for the City Manager position.

Motion No. 1:

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to forward Kristoff Bauer as a finalist for the City Manager position.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello and Thoms

Nays: 2 - Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Motion No. 2:

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to forward Wally Bobkiewicz as a finalist for the City Manager position.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 6 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Mello, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Nays: 3 - Lonergan, McCarthy and Thoms

Motion No. 3:

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to forward Michael Cernech as a finalist for the City Manager position.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and failed. The motion was declared failed.

Ayes: 2 - Campbell and Lonergan

Nays: 7 - Blocker, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Motion No. 4:

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to forward Bob Cowell as a finalist for the City Manager position.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 8 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Nays: 1 - Blocker

Motion No. 5:

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to forward Aretha Ferrell-Benavides as a finalist for the City Manager position.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 5 - Blocker, Ibsen, Mello, Thoms and Walker Lee

Nays: 4 - Campbell, Lonergan, McCarthy and Mayor Strickland

Motion No. 6:

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to forward Belinda Graham as a finalist for the City Manager position.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 5 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan, McCarthy and Thoms

Nays: 4 - Ibsen, Mello, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Motion No. 7:

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to forward Patrick McDonnell as a finalist for the City Manager position.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and failed. The motion was declared failed.

Ayes: 1 - Blocker

Nays: 8 - Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Motion to Reconsider:

MOTION: Council Member Lonergan moved to suspend the Rules of Procedure of the Council to reconsider previous votes for finalist for the City Manager position.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Reconsideration of Motion No. 5:

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to reconsider Motion No. 5.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and failed to forward Aretha Ferrell-Benavides as a finalist for the City Manager position. The motion was declared failed.

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Ibsen and Mello

Nays: 6 - Campbell, Lonergan, McCarthy, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Reconsideration of Motion No. 6:

MOTION: Council Member Lonergan moved to reconsider Motion No. 6.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Thoms.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried to forward Belinda Graham as a finalist for the City Manager position. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 5 - Blocker, Campbell, Lonergan, McCarthy and Thoms

Nays: 4 - Ibsen, Mello, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

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Mayor Strickland stated the four candidates who will be invited to Tacoma to interview for the City Manager position on May 11 and 12, 2017, are Kristoff Bauer, Wally Bobkiewicz, Bob Cowell, and Belinda Graham.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to suspend Rule 8.A of the Rules of Procedure of the Council to add an additional Resolution, Resolution No. 39716, on the Regular Agenda as Item 19A.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5. [17-0431](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, March 28, 2017.
- 6. [17-0450](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, April 4, 2017.

RESOLUTIONS

- 7. [RES39706](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at approximately 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amended for the years 2016-2017 and 2018-2023.
[Chris E. Larson, Engineering Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

8. [ORD28418](#) An ordinance vacating a sub-surface portion of Court E, lying between South 13th and South 15th Streets, to accommodate an existing building wall. (Alma Mater, LLC; File No. 124.1375)
[Phyllis K. Macleod, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39706 and final reading of Ordinance No. 28418.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39706 and final reading of Ordinance No. 28418. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. [17-0410](#) Proclaiming May 2017 as Bike Month.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed May 2017 as Bike Month and presented the proclamation to Ms. Meredith Soniat, Active Transportation Coordinator.

10. [17-0411](#) Proclaiming May 2017 as Historic Preservation Month.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed May 2017 as Historic Preservation Month and presented the proclamation to Ms. Katie Pratt, Chair of the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:35 p.m.

No one came forward to address the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:36 p.m.

13. [RES39709](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Global Contractors, LLC, in the amount of \$1,345,826, sales tax not applicable, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a total of \$1,480,409, budgeted from the Transportation Capital and Engineering Fund, for pedestrian improvements in the Hilltop and South Downtown areas - Specification No. PW17-0034F.
[Darius Thompson, Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39709.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

14. [RES39710](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Johansen Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$5,679,655.75, excluding sales tax, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a total of \$6,531,604.11, budgeted from various departmental funds, for roadway and utility improvements associated with the South 38th Streetscape project - Specification No. PW17-0081F.
[Mark R. D'Andrea, P.E., Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39710.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

15. **RES39711** A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with The Stergion Group, Inc., in the amount of \$198,880, plus applicable sales tax, for a total of \$612,400, budgeted from the Information Systems and Finance Administration Funds, for continued project management and implementation support services - Specification No. PS14-0295F.
[Michelle Lewis-Hodges, Information Technology Manager; Jack Kelanic, Director, Information Technology]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39711.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

RESOLUTIONS

16. **RES39712** A resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with South Sound 911, for emergency radio system access fees charged to regional public safety agencies, through December 31, 2017.
[Jack Kelanic, Director, Information Technology]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39712.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

17. [RES39713](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Novotny, Inc., for the development of 12 multi-family market-rate and affordable housing units located at 7602 Pacific Avenue in the South 72nd and Pacific Avenue Mixed-Use Center.

[Debbie Bingham, Economic Development Specialist; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39713.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

18. [RES39714](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Brentwood Real Estate, LLC, for the development of 45 multi-family market-rate and affordable housing units located at 2515 South 48th Street in the Tacoma Mall Mixed-Use Center.

[Debbie Bingham, Economic Development Specialist; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39714.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the Resolution.

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

19. [RES39715](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Koz Development, LLC, for the development of 104 multi-family market-rate and affordable housing units located at 1552-1556 Market Street in the Downtown Regional Growth Center. [Debbie Bingham, Economic Development Specialist; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39715.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

- 19A. [RES39716](#) A resolution directing the Interim City Manager to promptly prepare and present to the City Council an Emergency Temporary Aid and Shelter Program to respond to the homelessness crisis, and to prepare and present an ordinance declaring a state of emergency relating to the current homeless crisis, authorizing the suspension of certain regulations to facilitate the Emergency Temporary Aid and Shelter Program, and providing for approval of such emergency services contracts as are necessary to support this program. [Mayor Strickland]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 39716.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

20. [ORD28425](#) An ordinance granting a non-exclusive franchise to Mobilitie, LLC to construct, operate, and maintain a telecommunications system in the City. [Jeff Lueders, Cable Communications and Franchise Services Manager; Gwen Schuler, Director, Media and Communications]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

21. [ORD28427](#) An ordinance amending the 2017-2018 Biennial Operating Budget to appropriate funds from the 2015-2016 Biennial Budget to cover current contract obligations, transfers, and other budget adjustments.
[Tadd Wille, Director, Management and Budget]
- ACTION: Ordinance No. 28427 was set over for final reading next week.**
22. [ORD28428](#) An ordinance amending the 2017-2018 Capital Budget for recommended budget adjustments and City Council-approved capital projects with outstanding balances.
[Tadd Wille, Director, Management and Budget]
- ACTION: Ordinance No. 28428 was set over for final reading next week.**
23. [ORD28429](#) An ordinance amending several sections of Chapters 13.05 and 13.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to land use regulations, by amending a work plan for review and development of permanent regulations relating to siting correctional facilities.
[Mayor Strickland]
- ACTION: Ordinance No. 28429 was set over for final reading next week.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Interim City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated the University of Washington's Livable City Year program has selected the City of Tacoma as the community partner for the 2017-2018 academic year. She stated this partnership establishes a year-long relationship connecting students and faculty with City staff working on projects that advance the goals outlined the City's Comprehensive Plan and Tacoma2025, giving thousands of hours of service, research and expertise on real Tacoma current projects.

She then stated the Pierce County Law Enforcement Memorial is May 3, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at Clover Park Technical College and this year's ceremony will have extra significance due to Police Officer Jake Gutierrez who was killed in the line of duty on November 30, 2016. She stated Officer Gutierrez will be recognized as a recipient of the Washington State Medal of Honor at the Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony on Friday, May 5, 2017, in Olympia.

Finally, Ms. Pauli stated the week of May 7 through 13, 2017 is Public Service Recognition Week, a tradition for the past 32 years to honor the public servants who serve our nation as federal, state, county, and local government employees, and who work tirelessly on behalf of our citizens.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Ibsen, Vice Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, stated on April 12, 2017, the Committee held interviews for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission and received an update on the complete streets ordinance. He stated at a special meeting on April 17, 2017, the Committee heard an update on the Cushman Substation, noting the Committee forwarded the Landmarks Preservation Commission’s recommendation to the full Council. Finally, he reported on April 26, 2017, the Committee received updates on the Environmental Action Plan and greenhouse gas inventory.

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Council Member Blocker stated there will be a community cleanup on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at 10 a.m., at Madison School, for the Tacoma Mall neighborhood. Council Member Lonergan stated there will also be a cleanup for the South Tacoma neighborhood at the same time located at Bates Technology College – South Campus.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Marilyn Strickland, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk