



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

**November 15, 2016**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards  
and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Ibsen.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [16-1099](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, October 25, 2016.
2. [16-1078](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, October 5, 2016.

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**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Mello moved to suspend the rules to add an additional Resolution, Resolution No. 39583, to tonight's agenda as Item 8A on the Regular Agenda.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Woodards.

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards  
and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

## CONSENT AGENDA

### FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

3. [ORD28319](#) An ordinance vacating the alley right-of-way lying between East 29th Street and East 30th Street from the east margin of Portland Avenue to the west margin of East R Street, for the construction of a multi-level parking garage structure in preparation for the Emerald Queen Casino relocation.  
(Puyallup Tribe of Indians; File No. 124.1350)  
[Phyllis K. Macleod, Hearing Examiner]
4. [ORD28379](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of the alley between East 25th Street and Puyallup Avenue, lying between A Street and State Route 705, for a private driveway. (Skookum Holdings, LLC; File No. 124.1366)  
[Phyllis K. Macleod, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Ordinance Nos. 28319 and 28379.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Ordinance Nos. 28319 and 28379.**

**The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

### PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:14 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Priscilla Lisicich, Safe Streets, speaking on Ordinance No. 28399.
2. Ann Locsin, citizen, speaking on Ordinance No. 28399.
3. Claudia Riedener, citizen, speaking on Resolution No. 39580.
4. Tracy Martinez, citizen, speaking on Resolution No. 39580.

Public comment ended at 5:29 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

5.      [RES39579](#)      A resolution approving adjustments to charges related to freight switching, and authorizing the reissuance of Tacoma Municipal Belt Line Railway Freight Tariff TMBL 8807.  
[Dan McCabe, Rail Section Manager; Dale King, Rail Superintendent]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39579.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

6.      [RES39580](#)      A resolution authorizing the execution of a non-exclusive perpetual easement to Puget Sound Energy, Inc., to allow construction of a pipeline to provide compressed natural gas to the Metro Parks Tacoma Greenhouse Facilities located at the Tacoma Recovery and Transfer Center.  
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39580.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

7. [RES39581](#) A resolution amending and adopting the Legislative Policy Statement for the years 2017 and 2018.  
[Randall Lewis, Government Relations Officer]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39581.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

8. [RES39582](#) A resolution amending the Capital Planning Policies section of the City's Financial and Budget Policy Statement.  
[Tadd Wille, Director, Management and Budget; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39582.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Blocker, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 2 - Campbell and Lonergan

- 8A. [RES39583](#) A resolution reaffirming the City's commitment to the principles of equity and inclusion, and to continue defending, promoting, and introducing policies and practices that seek to improve opportunities and quality of life for all residents, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, country of origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious beliefs.  
[Mayor Strickland]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39583.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

9. [ORD28386](#) An ordinance fixing the amount of the Ad Valorem tax levies necessary to identify the amount of the estimated revenues from property tax levies to match estimated expenditures for debt service and other funding requirements.  
[Tadd Wille, Director, Management and Budget]

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

- [16-1016](#) This is the date set for a public hearing on the surplus and proposed sale of approximately 0.70 acres of property, located in the southeast corner of Tacoma Mall Boulevard and South 58th Street, to Heritage Bank for the amount of \$560,000.  
[Gloria Fletcher, Senior Real Estate Officer; Linda McCrea, Water Superintendent]

The public hearing began at 5:57 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Mitchell Shook, citizen.
2. Rachel Corp, Kidder Mathews, 1201 Pacific Avenue #1400.

The public hearing ended at 6:02 p.m.

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10. [ORD28387](#) An ordinance authorizing an increase for the 2017 general property tax revenue collection in terms of both dollars and percentage.  
[Tadd Wille, Director, Management and Budget]

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

11. [ORD28388](#) An ordinance fixing the amount of the Emergency Medical Services levy necessary to identify the amount of the estimated revenues from the property tax levy to match estimated expenditures for debt service and other funding requirements.  
[Tadd Wille, Director, Management and Budget]
- ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was declared passed.**
- Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland
- Absent:** 1 - Lonergan
12. [ORD28389](#) An ordinance authorizing an increase for the 2017 Emergency Medical Services property tax levy in terms of both dollars and percentage.  
[Tadd Wille, Director, Management and Budget]
- ACTION: Roll call vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was declared passed.**
- Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland
- Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

13. [ORD28391](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for non-represented employees and changes in classification to reflect the organizational structure.  
[Joy St. Germain, Director, Human Resources]
- ACTION: Ordinance No. 28391 was set over for final reading next week.**
14. [ORD28392](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.08 of the Municipal Code, relating to Wastewater and Surface Water Management - Regulation and Rates, to adjust rates and charges for services provided by the Wastewater and Surface Water Utilities for the years 2017 and 2018.  
[Dan Thompson, Ph.D., Business Operations Division Manager;  
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]
- ACTION: Ordinance No. 28392 was set over for final reading next week.**

15. [ORD28393](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.09 of the Municipal Code, relating to Solid Waste, Recycling, and Hazardous Waste, to adjust rates and charges for services provided by the Solid Waste Utility for the years 2017 and 2018, and adding food waste to the definition of yard waste.  
[Gary H. Kato, Solid Waste Management Division Manager;  
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28393 was set over for final reading next week.**

16. [ORD28394](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6B.20 of the Municipal Code, relating to Annual Business License, to increase business license fees.  
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28394 was set over for final reading next week.**

17. [ORD28395](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 17.05 of the Municipal Code, relating to Animal License Fees, to increase license fees for dogs and cats and clarify the term of license, requirements and exemptions.  
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28395 was set over for final reading next week.**

18. [ORD28396](#) An ordinance renaming the Data Processing Division Intragovernmental Service Fund to the General Government Internal Services Fund, and expanding the scope and purpose of said fund.  
[Tadd Wille, Director, Management and Budget; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28396 was set over for final reading next week.**

19. [ORD28397](#) An ordinance establishing a new capital budget fund structure; creating two new funds to be known as Transportation Revenues Fund 1050, a special revenue fund, and Real Estate Excise Tax Fund 3210, a capital fund; and repurposing Capital Projects Fund 3211, Transportation Capital and Engineering Fund 1060, and Paths and Trails Reserve Fund 1140 as Special Capital Funds to provide increased transparency and accountability in the monitoring of capital project progress.  
[Tadd Wille, Director, Management and Budget; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28397 was set over for final reading next week.**

20. [ORD28398](#) An ordinance approving the 2017-2022 Capital Facilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan, and approving the 2017-2018 Capital Budget.  
[Tadd Wille, Director, Management and Budget]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28398 was set over for final reading next week.**

21. [ORD28399](#) An ordinance adopting the 2017-2018 Biennial Operating Budget.

To view the proposed 2017-2018 Biennial Operating Budget go to  
[www.cityoftacoma.org/budget](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/budget)

[Tadd Wille, Director, Management and Budget]

**MOTION: Council Member Woodards moved to direct the City Manager to work with staff to prepare an amendment to Ordinance No. 28399 to reflect the change outlined by the City Manager totaling \$1.65 million.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards  
and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28399 was set over for final reading next week.**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

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[Gloria Fletcher, Senior Real Estate Officer; Linda McCrea, Water Superintendent]

The public hearing was held earlier in the meeting.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **CITIZENS' FORUM**

Citizens' Forum began at 6:51 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jason de Kauter-Gualberto, 858 South Prospect, speaking on sanctuary laws.
2. Beverly Bowen Bennett, 4329 South Alder, speaking on the Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan.
3. Christina Code, 440 St. Helens Avenue, speaking on youth needs.
4. Brett Lorabee, 511 South G Street, speaking on North 21st Street.
5. Hally Bert, Downtown on the Go, speaking on North 21st Street.
6. Rachel Wood, 4102 North 19th Street, speaking on North 21st Street.
7. Hannah Miner, 624 South I Street, speaking on North 21st Street.
8. Jane Moore, 505 Broadway, speaking on North 21st Street.
9. Dave Cook, 4221 North Verde, speaking on North 21st Street.
10. Anna Gizzi, 4116 North 19th Street, speaking on North 21st Street.
11. Matt Newport, 1518 North Anderson, speaking on North 21st Street.
12. Cindan Gizzi, 4116 North 19th Street, speaking on North 21st Street.
13. Steve Storms, 1316 Browns Point Boulevard, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
14. Ann Locsin, citizen, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
15. Tracy Martinez, citizen, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
16. Wendy Pantoja, NWDC Resistance, speaking on immigration.
17. Nanette Reetz, citizen, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
18. Marilyn Kimmerling, citizen, speaking on liquefied natural gas and immigration.
19. Liz Biviano, citizen, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
20. Leasa Brittenham, citizen, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
21. Kristina Brown, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
22. Claudia Riedener, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
23. Donna Walters, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
24. Debby Herbert, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
25. Richard Lovering, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
26. Twylia Wesling, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
27. Jose Chavez, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
28. Rita Andreeva, Tacoma homeowner, speaking on liquefied natural gas.

Citizens' Forum ended at 8:09 p.m.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager T.C. Broadnax stated there will be a Safe Routes to School Open House on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at Lincoln High School. He encouraged parents, teachers and community members to attend as collaboration with the community will help the program's success.

## COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Strickland stated the Council adopted a resolution tonight that made a strong statement that racism and harassment is not, and should not be, normal or mainstream. She strongly encouraged every person who witnesses anything to stand up and say something.

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to excuse Council Member Lonergan from the meeting tonight.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Lonergan

## ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk