



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

**February 13, 2018**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and  
Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Mello.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [18-0127](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, January 8, 2018.

## CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items.

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:11 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Shirley Low, speaking on City Council District No. 2 position.

Public Comment ended at 5:15 p.m.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to direct the City Manager to initiate the process to appoint an Acting City Council Member to District No. 2 due to the leave of absence being taken by Council Member Thoms.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Mello.

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

2.     [RES39938](#)     A resolution awarding a contract to McKinstry Co., LLC, in the amount of \$225,000, plus applicable sales tax, budgeted from the Convention Center Fund and Tacoma Dome Fund, for maintenance services for the Greater Tacoma Convention Center and Tacoma Dome, for an initial contract period of three years, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods, for a projected contract total of \$375,000 - Specification No. PF17-0363F.  
[Matt Balk, Operations Manager; Kim Bedier, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 39938.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

3.     [RES39939](#)     A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Helix Design Group, Inc., in the amount of \$640,250, sales tax not applicable, for a total of \$2,097,245, to be funded or reimbursed from bond proceeds, for project management, architectural and engineering services for Tacoma Dome capital projects, with no change to the contract period of two years - Specification No. CT12-0001F.  
[Kim Bedier, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 39939.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

4. [RES39940](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Gartner, Inc., in the amount of \$191,518, plus applicable sales tax, for a total of \$481,767, budgeted from the Information Systems Fund, for information technology research and advisory services, through February 28, 2020 - State of Washington  
Contract No. T05-TSD-329 (05712).  
[Paul Federighi, Interim Director, Information Technology]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 39940.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## RESOLUTIONS

5. [RES39941](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a lease agreement with Tacoma Firs Golf Center, LLC, for property located at 4504 South Tyler Street, for a monthly base rent revenue of \$4,562 per month for the initial term once a Certificate of Occupancy is obtained, and increasing the rent to \$10,340 per month, 24 months from the rent commencement period, for capital improvements to be made to the golf center.  
[Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 39941.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

6. [ORD28488](#) 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, Tacoma Power Unit.  
[Kari Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

7. [ORD28489](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, to authorize and support the proration of fixed charges applicable to utility services provided by Tacoma Power.  
[Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

8. [ORD28490](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to Water - Regulations and Rates, to authorize and support the proration of fixed charges applicable to utility services provided by Tacoma Water.  
[Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent]

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

9. [ORD28491](#) An ordinance amending Title 13 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Land Use Regulatory Code, to adopt Correctional and Detention Facilities Permanent Regulations, as recommended by the Planning Commission. [Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28491 was set over for final reading next week.**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to reschedule Citizens' Forum from the meeting of Tuesday, March 13, 2018, to the meeting of Tuesday, March 20, 2018.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## CITIZENS' FORUM

Mayor Woodards stated the Council adopted a resolution on December 12, 2017 to allocate funding for a contract with the Center for Dialogue and Resolution to assist in evaluating and developing options for improvements to Citizens' Forum and postponed Citizens' Forum for one month. She then introduced Maralise Hood Quan, Executive Director for the Center for Dialogue and Resolution, and briefly explained that she and her staff have joined tonight to help facilitate Citizens' Forum and will provide a recap of comments expressed.

Ms. Hood Quan provided citizens with an observation form, which includes a portion of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma relating to Citizens' Forum, for citizens to note their reflections of when rules were followed versus not followed and to answer the following questions:

1. What do you most like about Citizens' Forum?
2. What would you change about Citizens' Forum?
3. How do you know that the City Council is listening to you?
4. What do you propose to improve civic engagement?

Ms. Hood Quan stated the goal is to evaluate, to listen, and to find a way to improve diversity, inclusivity, and the ability to disagree in a civil way over the next four months. She then shared her thoughts on the City's Rules of Procedure of the Council and stated Tim Corey, Graphic Recorder, will be visually capturing comments during Citizens' Forum. She stated the Center for Dialogue and Resolution will have community focus groups and online surveys, and will be reporting back to the Council and citizens.

Citizens' Forum began at 5:36 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Alan OldStudent, 3810 South J Street, speaking on Citizens' Forum.
2. Emily Pierce, speaking on housing authority.
3. Shirley Low, speaking on liquefied natural gas and Citizens' Forum.
4. Zach Zimmerman, speaking on sale/rezone of Highland Hills Golf Course.
5. Alex Hofeling, TOTE Maritime, speaking on liquefied natural gas facility.
6. Shameka Williamson, Resources for Education and Career Help, speaking on housing.
7. Ursula Mlynarek, 422 North L Street, No. 3, speaking on housing.
8. Melissa Yager, 1417 South G Street, speaking on housing.
9. Karson Chetty, 1417 South G Street, speaking on housing.
10. Andrea Munro, 1316 North Huson Street, speaking on housing.
11. Kathy Lawhon, 1114 South 11th Street, No. 417, speaking on housing.
12. John Carlton, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
13. Kyle Jolibois, Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
14. Tracy Wiegman, 6513 East B Street, speaking on offshore drilling.
15. Cathy Carriethers, 5914 South Park Avenue, speaking on offshore drilling.
16. Nanette Reetz, Northeast resident, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
17. Steven Storms, Northeast Tacoma, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
18. Marilyn Kimmerling, citizen, speaking on liquefied natural gas.
19. Carole Sue Braaten, 98424, speaking on Point Ruston, liquefied natural gas, tsunami, and Tacoma Municipal Code.
20. Paula Lonergan, 3715 North 27th Street, speaking on high taxes to pay for arts.

Citizens' Forum ended at 6:42 p.m.

Ms. Hood Quan provided feedback after Citizens' Forum ended.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

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

### **Community Vitality and Safety Committee**

Council Member Blocker, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety (CVS) Committee, reported on December 14, 2017, the Committee interviewed four candidates for the Citizen Police Advisory Committee and recommended four candidates interviewed by reassigning a current member to another position within the Committee to accomodate all four candidates. On February 8, 2018, the Committee re-elected him as Chair and elected Council Member Ushka as Vice-Chair, and Will Suarez, Management Fellow, presented the CVS annual report for year 2017. He stated the next meeting will be on February 22, 2018, and the Committee will be conducting interviews for the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, Human Rights Commission, and Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board.

Council Member Beale stated during last CVS meeting, the Committee further discussed on Tenants' Bill of Rights in regards to high rents.

Council Member Ushka stated the Pierce County special election is currently taking place on Tacoma Public School initiatives and reminded voters to cast their ballots by 8:00 p.m.

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to excuse  
Council Member Thoms from the meeting tonight.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Ushka and  
Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms



## **ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk