



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma, WA 98402

City Council Chambers

September 17, 2013

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:04 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 Boe.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [13-0072](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, July 24, 2013.
2. [13-0101](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, August 27, 2013.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. [13-0103](#) Proclaiming September 20, 2013 as POW/MIA Day in the City of Tacoma.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed September 20, 2013 as POW/MIA Day and presented the proclamation to Mr. Mike Hopper, Commander, VFW Post 10018.

4. [13-0104](#) Proclaiming September 22, 2013 as Downtown to Defiance Sunday Parkways Day in the City of Tacoma.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed September 22, 2013 as Downtown to Defiance Sunday Parkways Day and presented the proclamation to Ms. Nadia Chandler Hardy, City Manager's Office; Ms. Nancy Johnson, Metro Parks Tacoma; and Ms. Kathleen MacGuire, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

- [13-0283](#) Proclaiming September 18, 2013 as Safe Streets Day in the City of Tacoma.

Mayor Strickland proclaimed September 18, 2013 as Safe Streets Day and Deputy Mayor Campbell presented the proclamation to Ms. Wanda Rochelle, Safe Streets.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:14 p.m.

Speaking before Council:

1. Mark Martinez, 5807 A Street, speaking on Ordinance No. 28173
2. Robert Heaton, Stadium Way, speaking on Resolution No. 38734
3. Carl Teitge, 815 N. Stadium Way, speaking on Resolution No. 38734
4. Linda Heaton, Stadium Way, speaking on Ordinance No. 28173
5. Michael Sullivan, 19 Orchard Road, speaking on Ordinance No. 28172
6. Rick Rose, Stadium Way, speaking on Resolution No. 38734
7. Eugene Thorton, Stadium Way, speaking on Ordinance No. 28172
8. Emme Donovan, 535 N. Stadium Way, speaking on Resolution No. 38734
9. Jim Lycott, Stadium Way, speaking on Resolution No. 38734
10. Lara Hermann, Stadium Way, speaking on Resolution No. 38734

Public comment ended at 5:40 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

5. [RES38729](#) A resolution appointing Bennish Brown to serve on the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board of Directors to fill an unexpired four-year term through October 31, 2016.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to adopt Resolution No. 38729.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

6. [RES38730](#) A resolution appointing Shalisa Hayes to serve on the City Events and Recognitions Committee for a three-year term to expire July 31, 2016.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to adopt Resolution No. 38730.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.

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

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES38731](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Motorola Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$1,457,937.71, plus sales tax, budgeted from the Radio Communications Fund and the CIP LTGO 2010 Bond Fund, for a one-time purchase of TDMA/SmartZone radios and dispatch consoles - Sole Source.
[Steve Taylor, Networks and Communications Manager; Jack Kelanic, Interim Director, Information Technology]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to adopt Resolution No. 38731.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

8. [RES38732](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Pierce County Security, Inc., in the amount of \$102,600.00 sales tax not applicable, for a cumulative contract total of \$404,342.50, budgeted from the General Fund, to increase the contract for security guard services for the Tacoma Municipal Building and Tacoma Municipal Building North - Specification No. PW09-0130F.
[Jeffrey Jenkins, Facilities Management Division Manager; Kurtis Kingsolver, Interim Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to adopt Resolution No. 38732.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.

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

RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES38733](#) A resolution designating the City Charter Review as a special project of limited duration, and designating general salary classifications and benefits for persons employed on the project pursuant to Tacoma Municipal Code 1.12.155 and 1.24.187 and Section 6.1(h) of the Tacoma City Charter.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to adopt Resolution No. 38733.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Lonergan.

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

10. [RES38734](#) A resolution relating to the update of the Shoreline Master Program; responding to the Department of Ecology's conditional approval, accepting the majority of the Department's required and recommended changes, and proposing an alternative intent statement for the proposed S-6/7 Transition District.
[Stephen Atkinson, Associate Planner, Planning Division; Peter Huffman, Interim Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to adopt Resolution No. 38734.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

11. [ORD28170](#) Amending Chapter 2.04 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Electrical Code, to update and clarify electrical licensing requirements and exemptions.
[James Hellman, Chief Electrical Inspector; Ted Coates, Superintendent, Tacoma Power]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28170. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Boe

12. [ORD28172](#) Amending Title 8 of the Municipal Code, relating to historic properties, to create a new Chapter 8.35 entitled “Preventing Neglect of Historic Properties” to provide additional enforcement tools to prevent ongoing neglect of historic properties.
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Interim Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28172. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

13. [ORD28173](#) An ordinance relating to the budget of the City of Tacoma; creating two new funds to be known and designated as the “Street Operations and Maintenance Fund” and the “Transportation Capital and Engineering Fund”; to promote sustainability and transparency for revenue collections and expenditures related to transportation infrastructure and maintenance.
[Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28173 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Neighborhoods and Housing Committee

Chair Walker noted the Committee has met three times since the last report. She stated the Committee heard Neighborhood Council Review recommendations from both the Community Council of Tacoma and City staff, noting the recommended objectives include adjusting Neighborhood Council boundaries for better alignment, increasing opportunities for community participation and diversity, strengthening the innovative grants program, and more opportunities for communication and transparency. She stated Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, discussed a proposed new chapter of the Municipal Code to prevent neglect of historic properties, and Colin DeForrest, Homeless Services Manager, provided information on the City’s revised homeless encampments clean-up process and an update on work completed in the past nine months. She then reported the Committee received a follow-up presentation on the Single Family Blight Abatement Program, which is envisioned as a joint effort between various City Departments, the local housing development community, third party developers, and others, with the mission of rehabilitating derelict single-family homes in the community and selling them to income qualified buyers. She stated the Committee’s next meeting is October 7, 2013, and will include updates on community clean-ups and mural sites.

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Council Member Boe stated next week is Fall Bike to Work Week and there are lots of events happening around Tacoma, noting Wednesday is Bike Around Downtown with the City Council and there is a Bike Pub Crawl on Friday. He then stated the annual Tacoma Sings event by the Puget Sound Revels will be held on Saturday on the Chihuly Bridge of Glass; Friday, September 20, 2013 is Parking Day, with a lot of businesses taking over parking spots downtown, and on Thursday, September 19, 2013, the free Hilltop Concert Series at Allen Renaissance will be held at 6:00 p.m. He then stated September 21, 2013, is the second annual Tacoma Moon Festival at Chinese Reconciliation Park.

Council Member Ibsen stated this Friday the Tacoma Area Coalition for Individuals with Disabilities is having a lunch fundraiser and recap of the great work they have done at the center. He then stated this upcoming Monday the City will be hosting a Facts and Information Session on Proposition No. 1 at Truman Middle School at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Lonergan stated he has the privilege of sitting on the Zoo/Trek Authority on behalf of the City Council and they had the last meeting out at Northwest Trek and there are a lot of exciting things happening out there. He stated they are having half price admission to the park for all seniors over the age of 65 for the month of September. He invited everyone to visit Northwest Trek, noting it is a gem for the community.

Mayor Strickland reminded everyone this Sunday at 8:00 a.m. is Downtown to Defiance, beginning at the Tacoma Dome. She noted 750 people have signed up and encouraged everyone to join and check out Tacoma's waterfront.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk