



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

February 12, 2019

5:00 PM

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

Council Member Beale arrived at 5:01 p.m.

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Deputy Mayor McCarthy.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

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Council Member Beale arrived here, at 5:01 p.m.

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [19-0102](#) Disclosure of Remote Interest pursuant to Tacoma City Charter Section 6.6 and Municipal Code Section 1.46.030 A and B as follows:  
Name Council Member Ryan Mello  
Affiliation Association of Washington Cities, Board of Directors  
Affiliation Pierce Conservation District, Executive Director  
Affiliation Pierce Transit, Board of Directors  
Affiliation Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, Board of Directors
  
2. [19-0110](#) Disclosure of Remote Interest pursuant to Tacoma City Charter Section 6.6 and Municipal Code Section 1.46.030 A and B as follows:  
Name Council Member Catherine Ushka  
Affiliation Crystal Judson Family Justice Center, Board of Directors  
Affiliation Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, Board of Directors

## CONSENT AGENDA

### FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

3. [ORD28572](#) An ordinance vacating a westerly portion of East “D” Street, lying south of East 18th Street, primarily fronting the Johnny’s Dock restaurant property, for restaurant and marina parking.  
(Pacific Harbor Landing LLC; File No. 124.1391)  
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including first reading of Ordinance No. 28572.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to concur in the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28572.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Ordinance No. 28572. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

### PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:02 p.m.

No one came forward to address the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:02 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

4. [RES40230](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Combined Construction Inc., in the amount of \$179,000, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a total of \$205,850, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for construction of the North End Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Repair Project - Specification No. ES18-0353S. [Lance Bunch, P.E., Project Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40230.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards**

5. [RES40231](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc., in the amount of \$250,000, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Human Resources Internal Fund, for a classification and compensation study, for an initial contract term of two years, with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms, for a projected contract total of \$300,000 - Specification No. HR18-0421F.  
[Kari Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40231.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

## RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES40228](#) This is the second reading of a resolution amending the *Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma* by adding a new rule, Rule 16, entitled "Filling Council Vacancies and Approved Extended Leave of Absence," to establish a standard process for filling open City Council positions.  
[Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

7. [RES40229](#) This is the second reading of a resolution amending the *Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma* by adding a new rule, Rule 17, entitled "City Council Department Director Confirmation Process Guidelines," to establish a standard process for City Council confirmation of Department Director appointments.  
[Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**CITIZENS' FORUM**

Citizens' Forum began at 5:06 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Tony Ivey, Washington Environmental Council (WEC), speaking on 100 percent clean electricity legislation and the Tideflats.
2. Nathan McCurtain, WEC, speaking on the Tideflats.
3. Carole Sue Braaten, Fife, speaking on liquefied natural gas (LNG) and the Tideflats.
4. Nikie Walters, resident, speaking on LNG.

Citizens' Forum ended at 5:18 p.m.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

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

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Ibsen, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported the Committee has not met since his last report to the City Council and the next Committee meeting will be held on February 19, 2019.


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Mayor Woodards thanked staff for their response to the recent winter weather events.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

  
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 Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

  
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 Doris Sorum, City Clerk