



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**September 22, 2020**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

All Council Members participated virtually.

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Hines.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of former Mayor Harold Moss.

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [20-0599](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, February 27, 2020.
2. [20-0602](#) Minutes of the Community's Police Advisory Committee, July 13, 2020.
3. [20-0603](#) Minutes of the Community's Police Advisory Committee, August 10, 2020.
4. [20-0591](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, August 10, 2020.
5. [20-0572](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, July 15, 2020.

## CONSENT AGENDA

6. [20-0592](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, July 21, 2020.

7. [20-0601](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, September 1, 2020.

## RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES40653](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, October 6, 2020, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 31.5 acres of Tacoma Power property, located at 16515-16525 Canyon Road East, in the Frederickson vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County, to Exeter Canyon Land, LLC, for the amount of \$10,600,000.  
[Dylan Harrison, Senior Real Estate Officer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]
9. [RES40654](#) A resolution setting Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate portions of Commerce Street, South 7th Street, and Pacific Avenue, to cure existing building encroachments. (City of Tacoma (Old City Hall); File No. 124.1410)  
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]
10. [RES40655](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Tacoma, for mutual cooperation and support regarding agency stormwater management.  
[Merita Trohimovich, P.E., Principal Engineer; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40653 through 40655.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40653 through 40655. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. [20-0607](#) Proclaiming September 2020, as Big Brothers Big Sisters Month.

Deputy Mayor Blocker proclaimed September 2020 as Big Brothers Big Sisters Month and presented the proclamation to Ms. Diana Comfort, Executive Director - Tacoma and Pierce County, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound.

12. [20-0606](#) Proclaiming October 2020, as Tacoma Arts Month.

Deputy Mayor Blocker proclaimed October 2020 as Tacoma Arts Month and presented the proclamation to Ms. Heather Conklin, Chair of the Tacoma Arts Commission.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:48 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comments for Public Comment.

No individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:53 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

13. [20-0605](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City by GAF Corporation, Claim B-004-20, relating to the damage of a railcar during a switching operation, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$47,975.59.

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City by GAF Corporation, Claim B-004-20, relating to the damage of a railcar during a switching operation, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$47,975.59.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

## APPOINTMENTS

14. [RES40656](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Human Rights Commission. [Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to adopt Resolution No. 40656.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

15. [ORD28691](#) 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 Professional and Technical Employees Union, Local 17, and the City of Tacoma Washington, City and Pierce County Employees Local Number 120 of the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, and changes in classification to reflect the organizational structure. [Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28691. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli invited the community to view the transformation webpage at [cityoftacoma.org/transform](http://cityoftacoma.org/transform), and assured the Council Members and the community that the webpage is being updated and that the weekly presentations are located at the bottom of the webpage.

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

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Deputy Mayor Blocker, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the September 10, 2020, meeting, the Committee held interviews for the Human Rights Commission; and the next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2020, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include presentations on the South Sound Housing Affordable Partnership and an update on the Community Trauma Response Team Project.

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Council Member Hines informed everyone of opportunities to comment on the proposed temporary emergency micro-shelter site at 6th Avenue and Orchard Street, including attending tonight's Virtual Forum, emailing [shelters@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:shelters@cityoftacoma.org), emailing him directly to pass questions on to staff, or attending the Town Hall on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. He stated that the Tuesday, September 29, 2020, study session will include an update and more information on the proposed site. Council Member Hines concluded by encouraging everyone to go to the temporary emergency micro-shelters webpage and view the recording from the Town Hall held on Thursday, June 4, 2020, as well as the link for the questions and answers from that meeting.

Council Member Ushka announced that the Pierce County Health Department reported 43 new COVID-19 cases and two new deaths and reminded everyone to wear their mask, social distance, and to get a flu shot. She concluded by expressing gratitude for the City Manager.

Deputy Mayor Blocker expressed appreciation for City staff's hard work and for his colleagues' kind remarks in honor of former Mayor Harold Moss.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doris Sorum", written over a horizontal line.

Doris Sorum, City Clerk