



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

Telephonic

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 832 6587 6087

May 29, 2020

2:00 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the special meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

All Council Members participated virtually.

BRIEFING ITEMS

1. [20-0370](#) Update on the status and impact of COVID 19 and the City's response including:
 - Update on Pierce Transit;
 - Discussion on a future equity resolution.

Acting City Manager Linda Stewart introduced Sue Dreier, CEO, Pierce Transit (PT). Ms. Dreier presented an update on the effects of COVID-19 on PT and the transit system, including cleaning routines for buses and facilities, protection equipment for employees, social distancing measures on buses, the 2020 operating budget, potential financial impacts on revenue, short and long term mitigation measures, ridership, wifi hotspots, One Regional Card for All pass agreements, and the Bus Rapid Transit Project.

Discussion ensued regarding materials for community outreach, funding sources for PT, affordable housing and transportation services, and ridership levels during recessions.

Acting City Manager Stewart provided an update on the City's Rental Assistance Program, including checks mailed for rent payments, applications left to be processed, and donations received for the Program.

Mayor Woodards stated that Tuesday's meeting agenda will include an equity

resolution sent by the National League of Cities' Race, Equity, and Leadership Committee and described the purpose of the resolution.

2. [20-0373](#) Upcoming special meeting and study session schedules.

Mayor Woodards stated that study sessions will resume at noon on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 and the Friday special meetings will cease.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the special meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk