



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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February 23, 2021

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor Blocker stated that we gratefully honor and acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People where they make their home and speak the Lushootseed language.

The flag salute was led by Deputy Mayor Blocker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of those who have lost their lives to or have been impacted by COVID-19 and systemic racism.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [21-0175](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, February 2, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. [21-0177](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, January 5, 2021.
3. [21-0178](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, January 12, 2021.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. [21-0185](#) Proclaiming Sunday, February 28, 2021, as Make-A-Wish Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Sunday, February 28, 2021, as Make-A-Wish Day and presented the proclamation to Penni Maples, Founder, and Melissa Arias, President and Chief Executive Officer, Make-A-Wish Alaska and Washington.

5. [21-0186](#) Proclaiming Monday, March 1, 2021, as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Monday, March 1, 2021, as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day and presented the proclamation to Bishop Kim Forest, Pastor, King of Glory Pentecostal Assembly, and Reverend Gregory Christopher, Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church and President of Tacoma Ministerial Alliance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:21 p.m.

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

No individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:22 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

7. [RES40752](#) A resolution reappointing individuals to the Landmarks Preservation Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt
Resolution No. 40752.**

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor
Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and McCarthy

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. [21-0156](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented an update on systems transformation, including new items, noting Heal the Heart of Tacoma; new policies and transforming existing programs, including a hiring timeline; current state analysis of the Tacoma Police Department; administrative changes and process improvements, including body worn cameras; recent accomplishments and items in progress or up next; and a timeline.

RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES40753](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of \$2,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, for media and broadcasting costs for the 2021 Pierce County Opioid Summit.
[Council Member McCarthy]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40753.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

9. [ORD28736](#) An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 28711, which amended Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to Water - Regulations and Rates, to provide for City of University Place water rate adjustments, effective April 1, 2021; January 1, 2022; and April 1, 2022.
[Lyna Vo, Utilities Economist; Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28736 was set over for final reading next week.

10. [ORD28737](#) An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 28710, which amended Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, to provide for City of University Place power rate adjustments, effective April 1, 2021, and April 1, 2022.
[Christina Leineweber, Senior Utilities Economist; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28737 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to convene to an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 5:52 p.m.
City Attorney Bill Fosbre was present.

The Executive Session concluded and the City Council meeting reconvened at 6:07 p.m.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

This item was not addressed.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to excuse Council Member McCarthy from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.


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

Ayes: 6 - Blocker, Hines, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 3 - Beale, Hunter and McCarthy

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 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