



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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January 26, 2021

6:00 PM

VIRTUAL FORUM

Virtual Forum will begin at 6:00 p.m., or in the event the regular meeting of the City Council adjourns after 6:00 p.m., promptly following such adjournment.

The purpose of the Virtual Forum is to give community members an additional opportunity to share their thoughts and views to assist the Council in making policy decisions; therefore, items of discussion shall be limited to matters over which the City Council has jurisdiction. No action shall be taken by the City Council during the Virtual Forum.

Attendance for this Forum is available by phone by dialing 253-215-8782 or through Zoom at www.zoom.us/j/84834233126 and entering the Meeting ID 848 3423 3126 and Passcode 349099, when prompted. To sign up to speak during Community Member Comments, press the Raise Hand button near the bottom of your Zoom window or *9 on your phone. Your name or the last four digits of your phone number will be called out when it is your turn to speak. All speakers will have up to 90 seconds to speak. Where necessary, due to the number of persons who want to address the Council, the presiding officer shall retain authority to limit all persons' remarks to an equal period of less than 90 seconds.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the Virtual Forum to order at 7:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Beale

Council Member Beale arrived at 7:20 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

COMMUNITY MEMBER COMMENTS

Community Member Comments began at 7:19 p.m.

Council Member Beale arrived here, at 7:20 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 11 written comments for Community Member Comments, regarding the Tacoma Police Department (TPD) and road conditions.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Megan Capes, regarding the TPD, City leadership, protests, Manuel Ellis, and the City budget.
2. Jonathan Pottle, regarding the TPD, the City budget, and Manuel Ellis.
3. Talison Crosby, regarding the TPD, Manuel Ellis, City leadership, and the City budget.
4. Elle, regarding the TPD and City leadership.
5. Andrew Phan, regarding the TPD.
6. Devin Rydel Kelly, regarding Manuel Ellis, the City budget, the TPD, and City leadership.
7. Jamika Scott, regarding City leadership and Manuel Ellis.
8. Naomi, regarding the TPD.
9. Elisabeth Parker, regarding the City budget, the TPD, Manuel Ellis, and City leadership.
10. Tyler Hwang, regarding the TPD and City leadership.
11. Barb Shivers, regarding the 6th Avenue and Orchard Street micro-shelter site and the TPD.
12. Laurie Arnold, regarding the TPD, the Community's Police Advisory Committee (CPAC), and City leadership.
13. Trish, regarding the TPD.
14. Jessica Campbell, regarding Manuel Ellis and the TPD.
15. Les Pogue Jr., regarding the TPD, protests, and the CPAC.

16. Anneliese Kellogg, regarding City Council leadership, the TPD, and protests.
17. Marquis King Mason, regarding the TPD, Bennie Branch, Manuel Ellis, the City budget, and City leadership.
18. Jenelle Walter, regarding the TPD, the City budget, and City leadership.
19. Jessa, regarding the TPD, protests, and Manuel Ellis.
20. Nakanee McCord, regarding the TPD.
21. Sophie Ana Rose, regarding the TPD, the City budget, Manuel Ellis, and the CPAC.
22. Alex Trettin, regarding the TPD.
23. Kenneth Alexander Cruz, regarding the TPD, the City budget, and Manuel Ellis.
24. Zach Chastaine, regarding the TPD, the City budget, and City Council leadership.
25. Laurel, regarding the TPD, City leadership, Manuel Ellis, and the City budget.
26. Resident, regarding the TPD.
27. Rich Wood, regarding the TPD and Manuel Ellis.
28. Resident, regarding the TPD, the CPAC, City leadership, and the City budget.
29. Melissa Knott, regarding the TPD.
30. Jessica Boutte, regarding the TPD and City Council leadership.
31. Phil Mocek, regarding the TPD.
32. Beverly Allen, regarding the TPD.
33. Tanya Tran, regarding the TPD, Manuel Ellis, City leadership, and the City budget.
34. Haiku, regarding the TPD and Manuel Ellis.
35. Nolan Hibbard-Pelly, regarding the TPD and protests.
36. Nicole B., regarding the TPD.
37. Andrea Pulis, regarding the TPD, City Council leadership, and Manuel Ellis.
38. Shannon McMinimee, regarding the TPD, Manuel Ellis, and City Council leadership.
39. Lynnette D'Achille Shureb, regarding the TPD.
40. Joel W., regarding the TPD.
41. Courtney Love, regarding the TPD.
42. Helen Edwards, regarding the TPD.
43. Crystal Erickson, regarding the TPD and the City budget.
44. Cory Ngoc Le, regarding the TPD.
45. Jaleesa, regarding the TPD.
46. Kathy Lawhon, regarding the TPD, City leadership, and CPAC.
47. Aram Westergreen, regarding the TPD, Manuel Ellis, and City Council leadership.
48. Dee Sonntag, regarding City Council leadership, the TPD, the City budget, and Manuel Ellis.

49. LeRoy Miller, regarding the TPD and Manuel Ellis.
50. Celina Cordova, regarding violence in the City, homeless shelters, the TPD, and City Council leadership.
51. Alexandria, regarding Manuel Ellis and the TPD.
52. Courtney Stoker, regarding the TPD, the City budget, City leadership, Manuel Ellis, and Bennie Branch.
53. Siabhon Ayuso, regarding the TPD, the City budget, City leadership, Manuel Ellis, Bennie Branch, and Said Joquin.
54. Monica, regarding the TPD and land acknowledgement.
55. Janice Bridges, regarding the TPD, City leadership, the City budget, Manuel Ellis, and Bennie Branch.
56. Andrea, regarding the TPD.
57. Stephen Swanger, regarding the TPD and traffic control.
58. Trevor Kagochi, regarding the TPD and the City budget.
59. Dannyn Dybdahl, regarding the TPD.
60. Amanda Swarr, regarding City Council leadership, Manuel Ellis, the City budget, and the TPD.
61. Zach, regarding City Council leadership.
62. Anon, regarding protests and City Council leadership.
63. Chris Jordan, regarding the TPD and City Council leadership.
64. Nicole Grubbe, regarding the TPD, Manuel Ellis, the City budget, City leadership, and land acknowledgement.
65. Theresa Evans, regarding the TPD.
66. Halley Knigge, regarding City Council leadership, the TPD, and Manuel Ellis.
67. Jen Schlatter, regarding the TPD and City Council leadership.
68. Joi B., regarding the TPD, City Council leadership, CPAC, and the City budget.
69. Titan, regarding the TPD.
70. Hanna Devine, regarding the TPD and City leadership.
71. Stuart Morgan, regarding City Council leadership and the TPD.
72. Jono Penn, regarding City Council leadership and the TPD.
73. Kate Terpstra, regarding the TPD and City Council leadership.
74. Bronwyn Clarke, regarding the TPD and City Council leadership.
75. Kyle Jolibois, regarding the TPD and homelessness.
76. Christian Tular, regarding City Council leadership.

Community Member Comments ended at 9:02 p.m.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Council Member Ushka expressed appreciation for the speakers who attended and provided comments, inquired about the presence of Proud Boys at rallies, and addressed TPD arrests and policies.

Council Member Thoms expressed appreciation for the speakers

who attended and provided comments; spoke about the incident that happened over the weekend; clarified the purpose of the January 25, 2021, special City Council meeting; and addressed comments provided at the January 25, 2021, special CPAC meeting, including increased oversight roll for CPAC, implementation of body worn cameras, and the need to discuss use of force at both CPAC and Community Vitality and Safety Committee meetings.

Council Member Hunter expressed appreciation for the speakers who attended and provided comments, and addressed various issues, including TPD arrests, investigation timelines, police investigating the police, and implementation of body worn cameras.

Mayor Woodards addressed Council Members' comments regarding body worn cameras and independent investigations.

Council Member McCarthy expressed appreciation for the speakers who attended and provided comments, spoke about the incident that happened over the weekend, stated there will be accountability for all public officials, and stated that many issues still need to be discussed regarding community safety and last weekend's incident.

Council Member Hines expressed appreciation for the speakers who attended and provided comments and addressed comments provided.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli addressed questions and comments provided, including Proud Boy participation at demonstrations, clarifying the booking process and authority, expediting the final phases of the body worn camera implementation, independent investigations, and implementation of the "8 Can't Wait" policy changes.

Mayor Woodards addressed the comments and emails provided regarding the incidents from the past weekend, and read a prepared statement.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk