



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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August 10, 2021

5:00 PM

**747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402
City Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Council Members Hunter and Thoms participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Hines 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 Council Member Hines.

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. [21-0748](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, July 14, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

2. [RES40820](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, August 31, 2021, 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 draft Interlocal Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with Pierce County on the proposed annexation of the Manitou Potential Annexation Area.
[Lihuang Wung, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director,
Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40820.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40820. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. [21-0761](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition:
The Niagara Bottling Company and the Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness.

Mayor Woodards recognized the Niagara Bottling Company and the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness and presented the Compassionate Tacoma recognition to Maureen Howard, Senior Policy Analyst, Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness, and Mike Fahey, Distribution Manager, Niagara Bottling Company.

- 3A. [21-0792](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented an update on systems transformation, including new items, noting anti-racist budget development and economic recovery, new policies and transforming existing programs, and administrative changes and process improvements; recent accomplishments and items in progress or up next; a new transformation website feature; and short- and long-range transformation timelines.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:26 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution No. 40821.

Public Comment ended at 5:30 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. [21-0763](#) A motion may be considered to confirm the appointment of Shelby Fritz as Human Resources Director, effective August 16, 2021.

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to confirm the appointment of Shelby Fritz as Human Resources Director, effective August 16, 2021.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

RESOLUTIONS

5. [RES40821](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Greenbuild Development, for the development of 149 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 2542 South “G” Street, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40821.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 5:44 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received nine written comments for Community Forum regarding Resolution No. 40815, the Home in Tacoma Project, and homeless mitigation stabilization sites.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kyle Jolibois, regarding Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations, the Pierce County Sheriff, and injustices in Tacoma.
2. Travis Fisher, regarding homeless encampment sites.
3. Marquis King Mason, regarding climate change.
4. Barbara Church, regarding Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations.
5. Kathy Lawhon, regarding public comment formats, homeless encampment sites, the Tacoma Housing Authority, the Alberta J. Canada Building, and COVID-19.
6. Stacey Oaks, regarding public comment formats and the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations.

- 7. Stephanie Hillman, regarding the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations and climate change.
- 8. Mariana Sanchez, regarding climate change and Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations.
- 9. Nikie Walters, regarding climate change.
- 10. Theresa Power-Drutis, regarding Homelessness.
- 11. John Carlton, regarding Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations.

Community Forum ended at 6:07 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Thoms, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported at the July 27, 2021, meeting, the Committee received presentations on outdoor dining and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding; and today's meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on August 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., through Zoom, and will include continued presentations on the ARPA funding and small business assistance.

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Council Member Ushka stated that COVID-19 cases are rising, encouraged everyone to get the vaccination, and shared there were 386 new cases and one new death in Pierce County.

Council Member Thoms informed everyone of a transformation discussion he had participated in with the Office of Equity and Human Rights, noting a challenge to conduct the transformation and reconciliation process in a meaningful way for all sectors of the community in a time frame that is expeditious as possible. He concluded by addressing comments from Community Forum, regarding homeless encampment sites.

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk