



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**January 26, 2021**

**5:00 PM**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

All Council Members participated virtually.

## **FLAG SALUTE**

Council Member Beale 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 Beale.

## **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. [21-0068](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, November 24, 2020.
2. [21-0071](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, December 9, 2020.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

3. [RES40733](#) A resolution setting Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a 10-foot wide planting strip within the southerly portion of 6th Avenue right-of-way, lying between South Howard Street and South Rochester Street, to facilitate a seven story apartment building. (6902 6th Ave, LLP; File No. 124.1420)  
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]
  
4. [RES40734](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, February 9, 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 declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 43 acres of Tacoma Water property, located at the northwest corner of 134th Avenue East and 144th Street East in the Puyallup vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County, to the Puyallup School District No. 3, for the amount of \$2,025,000.  
[Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40733 and 40734.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40733 and 40734. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to suspend the rules to add a proclamation to tonight’s agenda as Item 4A, proclaiming February 1, 2021, through March 2, 2021, as Equity Challenge Days.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**4A. [21-0095](#)** Proclaiming February 1, 2021, through March 2, 2021, as Equity Challenge Days.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed February 1, 2021, through March 2, 2021, as Equity Challenge Days and presented the proclamation to Norinda Rosario Yancey, Vice President of Community Impact, and Dona Ponepinto, President and Chief Executive Officer, United Way of Pierce County.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:17 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Helen Edwards, speaking on Resolution No. 40737.
2. Devin Rydel Kelly, speaking on Resolution No. 40737.
3. Danielle Chastaine, speaking on Resolution No. 40737.
4. Les Pogue Jr., speaking on Resolution No. 40737.
5. Haiku, speaking on Resolution No. 40737.
6. Sharon Hinchcliffe, speaking on Resolution No. 40737.
7. Elle, speaking on Resolution No. 40737.

Public Comment ended at 5:32 p.m.

- 4B. [21-0100](#) A statement from the Tacoma City Council on recent events at South 9th Street and Pacific Avenue.

**MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to approve the statement by the City Council regarding the incident at 9th Street and Pacific Avenue.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

5. [21-0080](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City by Provident Building LLC, Claim No. 16674, relating to property damage due to water intrusion, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$38,145.33.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City by Provident Building LLC, Claim No. 16674, relating to property damage due to water intrusion, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$38,145.33.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

## APPOINTMENTS

6. [RES40735](#) A resolution reappointing Jeff Ball to the Audit Advisory Board.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40735.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

## RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES40736](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with Pierce Conservation District, in the amount of \$808,076, budgeted from the Solid Waste and Wastewater Funds, for continued support of the Harvest Pierce County Community Garden Program, retroactive to January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2026.  
[Daniel C. Thompson, Ph.D, Business Operations Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40736.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

8. [RES40737](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Louis Rudolph Homes LLC, for the development of six multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 3591-3595 South “G” Street, in the Lincoln Mixed-Use Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40737.**

**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, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Nays:** 1 - Ushka

9. [RES40738](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Louis Rudolph Homes LLC, for the development of eight multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 3616-3622 McKinley Avenue East, in the McKinley Mixed-Use Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40738.**

**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, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Nays:** 1 - Ushka

10. [RES40739](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Human Resources Unit, consisting of 22 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022.

[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40739.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

11. [RES40740](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Tacoma Power Unit, regarding the step progression for the classification of Telecommunications Utility Worker.

[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40740.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

12. [ORD28729](#) An ordinance amending Chapters 2.02 and 2.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Building and Plumbing Codes, to repeal existing sections and incorporate new provisions to align with Washington State adoption of changes to state building codes, effective February 1, 2021.  
[Susan Coffman, Building Official; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to amend Ordinance No. 28729, to change all references to the ordinance's effective date from February 1, 2021, to February 8, 2021.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28729, as amended. The Ordinance, as amended, was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

13. [ORD28730](#) An ordinance amending Chapters 3.02 and 3.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Fire Prevention Code and Mobile Fueling Operating and Permitting Requirements, to adopt the 2018 International Fire Code, along with state and local amendments, effective February 1, 2021.  
[Chris Seaman, Senior Principal Engineer; Toryono Green, Fire Chief]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to amend Ordinance No. 28730, to change all references to the ordinance's effective date from February 1, 2021, to February 8, 2021.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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



**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28730, as amended. The Ordinance, as amended, was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

14. [ORD28734](#) 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 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Tacoma Power Unit, and Human Resources Unit.  
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28734 was set over for final reading next week.**

## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

15. [21-0044](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 1.19 acres of Tacoma Power property, located in central unincorporated Lewis County near Mossyrock, adjacent to Mayfield Lake, to Michael and Cheryl Jensen, for the amount of \$125,500.  
[Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

The public hearing began at 6:51 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received four written comments for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Haiku, resident.
2. Les Pogue Jr., resident.
3. Kyle Jolibois, resident.
4. Amelia Escobedo, resident.
5. Peggy Birley, resident.
6. Anneliese Kellogg, resident.

The public hearing ended at 7:02 p.m.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided an update on warming centers and shelters, noting that with the addition of the warming shelter at the Center at Norpoint, 195 winter shelter beds have been added since November; and concluded by thanking the partners that are hosting warming shelters for the City.

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

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member McCarthy, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the January 13, 2021, meeting, the Committee elected the Chair and Vice Chair, conducted interviews for the Board of Building Appeals, and received a presentation on the recommendation to add the building located at 201 North Yakima to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places; and the January 27, 2021, meeting, has been cancelled. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on February 10, 2021, and will include interviews for the Landmarks Preservation Commission and a presentation on proposed revisions to the City's stormwater, wastewater, and industrial wastewater pretreatment code.

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Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that Virtual Forum will follow after the regular meeting adjourns.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk