



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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February 02, 2021

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

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 Bishop Leo Charles Brown, Jr., and 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. [21-0107](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee special meeting, November 18, 2020.
2. [21-0106](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, October 14, 2020.
3. [21-0108](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, October 28, 2020.
4. [21-0109](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission special meeting, November 18, 2020.
5. [21-0110](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, October 21, 2020.

6. [21-0111](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, November 4, 2020.
7. [21-0115](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, January 13, 2021.
8. [21-0083](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, December 16, 2020.
9. [21-0122](#) List of names and informal petition regarding police violence.

CONSENT AGENDA

10. [21-0096](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, January 5, 2021.
11. [21-0116](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, 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

12. [21-0105](#) Proclaiming Thursday, February 4, 2021, as Transit Equity Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Thursday, February 4, 2021, as Transit Equity Day and presented the proclamation to Ryan Wheaton, Executive Director of Planning and Community Development, Pierce Transit; Jonte Robinson, Acting Chief Civil Rights, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, Sound Transit; and Tracy Oster, Executive Director, and Laura Svancark, Commute Trip Reduction and Advocacy Coordinator, Downtown on the Go.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:16 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Haiku, speaking on the Transit Equity Day proclamation.
2. Mark Connelly, speaking on the informal petition regarding police violence.
3. Courtney Stoker, speaking on the informal petition regarding police violence and Resolution No. 40744.
4. JM, speaking on the informal petition regarding police violence.

Public Comment ended at 5:24 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

13. [RES40741](#) A resolution appointing individuals to the Board of Building Appeals.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40741.

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

14. [RES40742](#) A resolution revising the appointments of City Council Members to various national, state, regional, and local committees, boards, and commissions, including the City Council's Standing Committees, for the year 2021.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40742.

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

15. [RES40743](#) A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the 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]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40743.

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

16. [RES40744](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Fawcett Avenue QOZB LLC, for the development of 368 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 1502-1542 Fawcett Avenue, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40744.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to amend Resolution No. 40744, by amending page 1, lines 2 and 15, and page 2, lines 5-6 and 11, to change the following language: "FAWCETT AVENUE QOZB LLC," to read "Fawcett Avenue Owner, LLC."

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: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution, as amended, was declared adopted.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

- 17. [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: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28734. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli shared that the City of Tacoma has added 195 additional beds to address winter inclement weather and shelter capacity for the homeless.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Ushka, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the January 28, 2021, meeting, the Committee elected the Chair and Vice Chair, and conducted interviews for the Human Services Commission. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on February 11, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and may include interviews for the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board.

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Council Member Hunter expressed appreciation for and recognized Kenny Coble for his work facilitating the City Council meetings virtually.

Council Member Thoms expressed appreciation for and recognized Kenny Coble for his work facilitating the webinar for the temporary

warming shelter at the Center at Norpoint, and reported on the efficiency and efforts of the warming shelter.

Mayor Woodards expressed appreciation for and recognized Kenny Coble and the staff at TV Tacoma for making all meetings run smoothly.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk