



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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December 15, 2020

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

Council Member Thoms 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 Thoms.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Senior Pastor Peter Sayenko 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. [20-0971](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, November 18, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. [20-0964](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, October 27, 2020.
3. [20-0968](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, November 3, 2020.
4. [20-0969](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, November 10, 2020.

5. [20-0970](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, November 17, 2020.
6. [20-0966](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, November 3, 2020.
7. [20-0967](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, November 10, 2020.
8. [20-0978](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, November 17, 2020.

RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES40711](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, January 5, 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 proposed amendments to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development projects.
[Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]
10. [RES40712](#) A resolution setting Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate portions of South 37th Street, Union Avenue, and South Tacoma Way, for the business uses of 3505 and 3515 South Tacoma Way.
(Chandler Investment I, LLC; File No. 124.1408)
[Ronda Van Allen, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]
11. [RES40713](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County, for Solid Waste Programs, to extend the termination date from December 31, 2020, to December 31, 2021.
[Lewis Griffith, P.E., Solid Waste Management Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

12. [ORD28719](#) An ordinance vacating portions of Commerce Street and South 7th Street, to cure existing building encroachments on the perimeter of the building known as Old City Hall.
(City of Tacoma; File No. 124.1410)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40711 through 40713 and final reading of Ordinance No. 28719.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40711 through 40713 and final reading of Ordinance No. 28719. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. [20-0962](#) Proclaiming Tuesday, December 15, 2020, as City Staff Recognition Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Tuesday, December 15, 2020, as City Staff Recognition Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:24 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28726, regarding the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project; and three written comments, regarding Pierce County Council Ordinance No. 2020-136, homelessness, and the Tideflats Interim Regulations.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kit Burns, speaking on Ordinance No. 28726.

Public Comment ended at 5:29 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

14. [20-0972](#) A motion may be considered to confirm the appointment of _____ as Chief of the Tacoma Police Department pursuant to the terms and effective according to the date contained in the offer of employment letter.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to remove Item No. 14 from the agenda.

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

15. [RES40714](#) A resolution appointing Rita Tumbusch to the Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma leadership team.
[Bucoda Warren, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator; Tadd Wille, Deputy City Manager, City Manager's Office]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40714.

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. [RES40715](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Transportation Commission. [Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40715.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

17. [20-0951](#) City Clerk transmitting the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries' decision regarding the Mayor and City Council Members' annual salary.

This item was informational only.

RESOLUTIONS

18. [RES40716](#) A resolution designating the Strategic Permitting Projects Program, Affordable Housing Streamlining Program, and the Neighborhood Planning Projects Program as Special Projects of Limited Duration, and designating general salary classifications and benefits for persons employed on the projects. [Corey Newton, P.E., Site and Building Division Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40716.

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

19. [RES40717](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the City of Tacoma, Washington, City and Pierce County Employees Local Number 120 of the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, consisting of approximately 162 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, effective 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. 40717.

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

20. [RES40718](#) A resolution approving the cancellation of the following six regular City Council meetings in 2021: January 19, June 1, July 6, September 7, December 21, and December 28.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40718.

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

21. [ORD28726](#) An ordinance amending Title 12 of the Municipal Code to amend Chapter 12.01, relating to Utility Charges, and Chapter 12.06, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, to support implementation of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project, effective January 1, 2021.
[Matt Hubbard, Power Engineer; Jackie Flowers, Director, Tacoma Public Utilities]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28726.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: 1 - McCarthy

22. [ORD28727](#) 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 City of Tacoma, Washington, City and Pierce County Employees Local Number 120 of the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, AFSCME, AFL-CIO.
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28727.

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

Deputy City Manager Tadd Wille informed everyone that the operation of the warming shelter, located at the Eastside Community Center, has been extended through the end of February 2021, and will be operating 24 hours per day and seven days a week, and has a current capacity of 55 individuals; individuals at the shelter have access to personal protective equipment and referrals to supportive services, such as behavioral health and employment programs; and options to make shower access available on-site are being evaluated. He concluded by expressing gratitude for the City Staff Recognition Day proclamation and wished everyone happy holidays.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Deputy Mayor Blocker, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the November 19, 2020, special meeting, the Committee received a presentation on Neighborhood and Community Services' 2021-2022 provider funding approaches, and conducted interviews for the Heal the Heart of Tacoma Core Coordinating Team; at the November 23, 2020, special meeting, the Committee continued to conduct interviews for the Core Coordinating Team; and at the December 10, 2020, meeting, the Committee received a presentation on Neighborhood and Community Services' 2021-2022 contract invoicing, and conducted interviews for the Community's Police Advisory Committee. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on January 14, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom.

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Council Member Thoms thanked and congratulated the Tacoma Housing Authority for their virtual opening of their Arlington Drive Youth Campus, thanked staff for their work on Tacoma's Recycle Reset program, and wished everyone happy holidays.

Council Member Beale announced that Monday, December 21, 2020, is National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day and the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness is holding a Safe Shelter Summit, to which Council Members and staff have been invited to attend, to address homelessness. He concluded by thanking Deputy City Manager Wille, and all City staff for their work throughout the year, and wished everyone happy holidays.

Council Member Ushka recognized and expressed appreciation for the eastside community for accepting the youth shelters, micro-shelters, and expansion of the Eastside Community Center for a warming shelter. She concluded by stating that Pierce County reported 225 new COVID-19 cases, for a total of 21,479 cases to date, and two new deaths, for a total of 261 deaths to date; and encouraged everyone to wear their masks, social distance, keep gatherings small, and wash their hands.

Council Member Hunter thanked staff for their work on the City budget.

Mayor Woodards expressed appreciation for her colleagues; reminded everyone that the December 22, 2020, and December 29, 2020, City Council study sessions and business meetings, and the December 22, 2020,

Virtual Forum, have been cancelled; and wished everyone happy holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk