



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**December 14, 2021**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Blocker, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - Beale and Hines

Council Member Hines arrived at 5:03 p.m.

Council Member Beale arrived at 5:19 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

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Council Member Hines arrived here, at 5:03 p.m.

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Hunter 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 Hunter.

## 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. [21-1253](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, June 15, 2021.
2. [21-1220](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, October 13, 2021.

3. [21-1238](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, April 28, 2021.
4. [21-1239](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, May 12, 2021.
5. [21-1240](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, May 26, 2021.
6. [21-1241](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, June 9, 2021.
7. [21-1242](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, June 23, 2021.
8. [21-1243](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee special meeting, July 7, 2021.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

9. [21-1248](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, July 13, 2021.
10. [21-1249](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, July 20, 2021.
11. [21-1226](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, July 20, 2021.
12. [21-1234](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, July 27, 2021.
13. [21-1244](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, August 3, 2021.
14. [21-1245](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, August 10, 2021.
15. [21-1251](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, August 17, 2021.
16. [21-1246](#) Minutes of the Virtual Forum, July 27, 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 - Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 17. [21-1227](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli announced that future systems transformation updates will be presented on the second Tuesday of each month during the City Council meetings beginning in 2022; and presented an update on systems transformation, including new items, noting a call for applications for the Heal the Heart of Tacoma Core Coordinating Team's transformation teams, an Equity in Contracting workshop, Tacoma Police Department (TPD) Chief recruitment, TPD information technology assessment, body worn and dashboard cameras, and the status on hiring. She concluded by reviewing the transformation timeline and history.

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 31, Ordinance No. 28799, regarding streets and sidewalks, at this time.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

- 31. [ORD28799](#) An ordinance amending, renaming, and renumbering Chapter 9.16 of the Municipal Code, relating to Streets and Sidewalks - Keeping Clean, by adding two new sections, to prevent obstruction and damage to sidewalks from the loading, unloading, and transport of goods; and amending the penalty provision to align with Tacoma’s Uniform Enforcement Code. [Council Member Ushka]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to continue Ordinance No. 28799 to a date to be determined.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:12 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received 11 written comments for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28799, regarding streets and sidewalks.

Speaking before the City Council:

- 1. Carla Santorno, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40890 and 40891.
- 2. April Smith, speaking on Ordinance No. 28798.

Public Comment ended at 5:16 p.m.

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Council Member Beale arrived here, at 5:17 p.m.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**18. [21-1229](#)**

A motion may be considered to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Arthur West v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 15-2-12683-6, relating to a Public Records Act request, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$65,000.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Arthur West v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 15-2-12683-6, relating to a Public Records Act request, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$65,000.**

**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

19.     [RES40885](#)     A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Tacoma Arts Commission.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40885.**

**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

20.     [21-1233](#)     City Clerk transmitting the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries' decision regarding the Mayor and City Council Members' annual salary.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries' decision regarding the Mayor and City Council Members' annual salary.**

**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

## RESOLUTIONS

21. [RES40886](#) A resolution approving amendments to the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan for Housing, Community, and Economic Development projects, to allocate remaining Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant funds, for the period of January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022.  
[Jason McKenzie, Resource Manager; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40886.**

**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

22. [RES40887](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Tacoma Police Union, Local 6, I.U.P.A., consisting of 322 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023.  
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40887.**

**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

23. [RES40888](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Tacoma Police Management Association, Local 26, consisting of 19 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, effective January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2024. [Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40888.**

**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

24. [RES40889](#) A resolution extending the Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group through December 31, 2022. [Council Member Thoms]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40889.**

**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

- 25. [RES40890](#) A resolution expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 1, submitted by Tacoma School District No. 10 at the February 8, 2022, Special Election, which reads as follows:

TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10  
SPECIAL ELECTION - PROPOSITION NO. 1  
REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 2099 concerning educational funding. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to pay educational program and operations expenses in addition to the State’s statutory program of basic education:

<u>Collection Years</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2023	\$1.92	\$77,500,000
2024	\$1.92	\$79,000,000
2025	\$1.92	\$80,500,000
2026	\$1.91	\$82,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2099. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Yes..... [ ]  
No..... [ ]

[Mayor Woodards and Council Members Hunter and Ushka]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40890.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

Council Member Hines disclosed a remote interest, stating he is employed by Tacoma Public Schools.

**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



- 26. [RES40891](#) A resolution expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 2, submitted by Tacoma School District No. 10 at the February 8, 2022, Special Election, which reads as follows:

TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10  
 SPECIAL ELECTION - PROPOSITION NO. 2  
 REPLACEMENT LEVY FOR TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS AND  
 UPGRADES

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 2100, concerning technology improvements and upgrades. If approved, Proposition No. 2 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District to fund expanded K-12 student technology access in all neighborhood schools, up-to-date computers, technical training, improve online safety, security and District-wide IT systems:

<u>Collection Years</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2023	\$0.62	\$25,000,000
2024	\$0.75	\$31,000,000
2025	\$0.74	\$31,000,000
2026	\$0.72	\$31,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2100. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

Yes..... [ ]  
 No..... [ ]

[Mayor Woodards and Council Members Hunter and Ushka]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40891.**

**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

27. [RES40892](#) A resolution approving the cancellation of the following six regular City Council meetings in 2022: January 18, March 15, May 31, July 5, September 6, and December 27.  
[Mayor Woodards]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40892.**

**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**

28. [ORD28795](#) (Continued from the meeting of December 7, 2021) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for nonrepresented employees and employees represented by the Tacoma Firefighters Union, Local 31, and the Professional Public Safety Management Association.  
[Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28795.**

**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 Substitute Ordinance No. 28795. The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

29. [ORD28797](#) An ordinance amending Chapters 2.02, 2.19, and 2.22 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Building, Site Development, and Right-of-Way Development Codes, to modify requirements of the City's floodplain management in order to comply with the State of Washington's floodplain ordinance, as required by the Department of Ecology; and to make administrative changes to correct section numbers and clarify decision making where there are code conflicts.  
[Susan Coffman, Building Official; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28797.**

**The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

30. [ORD28798](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.110 and Chapter 13.17 of the Municipal Code, relating to Property Tax Exemptions for Multi-Family Housing and Mixed-Use Center Development, to update language regarding the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption Program, effective 90 days from the date of passage.  
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to amend Amended Ordinance No. 28798, to correct the amendment made last Tuesday, December 7, 2021, on page 8, line 21, to move the following language after subparagraph 6, on page 8, line 2:**

**"a. In the case of projects intended exclusively for owner occupancy, households may earn up to 80 percent of the Pierce County family median income."**

**He further move to amend Exhibit "B" of Amended Ordinance No. 28798, on page 14, to replace the Residential Target Areas map for Mid-Scale Residential on Corridors.**

**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. 28798, as amended. The Amended Ordinance, as amended, was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

**Nays:** 1 - Beale

31. [ORD28799](#) An ordinance amending, renaming, and renumbering Chapter 9.16 of the Municipal Code, relating to Streets and Sidewalks - Keeping Clean, by adding two new sections, to prevent obstruction and damage to sidewalks from the loading, unloading, and transport of goods; and amending the penalty provision to align with Tacoma’s Uniform Enforcement Code. [Council Member Ushka]

Ordinance No. 28799 was continued to a date to be determined, earlier in the meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**COMMUNITY FORUM**

Community Forum began at 6:25 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received 11 written comments for Community Forum regarding life lessons; the TPD; Ordinance No. 28800, regarding Pathways to Shelter and Stability; and the Home in Tacoma Project.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Barbara Church, regarding Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations.
2. Kathy Lawhon, regarding public comment formats and the TPD.

Community Forum ended at 6:30 p.m.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

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

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported at the December 7, 2021, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Board of Ethics, and received presentations on the Moss Adams 2021 audit of Tacoma Public Utilities' Environmental

Services Department, the monthly budget update, and on the cancellation of several debts owed to the City.

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Council Member Walker stated she and Mayor Woodards are working on a letter supporting the Governor's Office review of State of Washington Affirmative Action Policies, noting efforts by advocates, and requested Council Member support for the letter

Mayor Woodards provided an update on Growing Resilience in Tacoma, noting the first Guaranteed Income demonstration \$500 payment will be sent out on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, to 110 participants in the community; the payments will continue for 12 months; and more information will be provided at a press conference held tomorrow. She further provided COVID-19 updates, including an increased demand for vaccines, boosters, and pediatric doses; more information on vaccines and boosters can be found on the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD) website at tpchd.org; age eligibility for the shots; daily data updates are still available on the TPCHD website at tpchd.org/covid19cases; COVID-19 cases, hospitalization rates, and the number of residents vaccinated; and encouraged everyone to get vaccinated.

Recognition of outgoing Council Members

Mayor Woodards recognized Council Members Beale, Hunter, and Thoms for his service as Council Member and provided him with a proclamation, plaque, and photograph.

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Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that the December 21, 2021, and December 28, 2021, City Council study sessions and business meetings, and the December 28, 2021, Virtual Forum, have been cancelled; stated the next regularly scheduled City Council study session and business meeting will be held on January 4, 2022; and wished everyone happy holidays.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk