



City of Tacoma

Committee of the Whole Minutes

Telephonic

253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 834 5628 8356

June 23, 2020

3:00 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

Call To Order

Mayor Woodards called the special meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Roll Call

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

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Item

1. [20-0414](#) Police Reform

Mayor Woodards provided opening remarks. City Manager Elizabeth Pauli outlined administrative processes related to systems transformation and police reform, including consultation with 21CP Solutions and Charles H. Ramsey. Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager, provided an update on recent and upcoming federal, state, and local legislation related to police reform. Jacques Colon, Tacoma 2025 Strategic Manager, Media and Communications Office, facilitated a discussion regarding the City Council's long-term vision for transformation in the City of Tacoma and in the Tacoma Police Department (TPD), and how to achieve those goals.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding City Council goals; focusing on Citywide transformation, not only at TPD; community trust and perceptions of safety; police staffing and deployment; past issues and actions; current issues such as homelessness, mental health services, funding, systematic and institutional racism, school systems, and public oversight and engagement; ideas for the process moving forward, including staffing, understanding crime rates, community programs, budget, education, outreach, and focus groups; and next steps.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the special meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk