



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

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**December 15, 2020**

**12:00 PM**

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### Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:02 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - McCarthy and Ushka

Council Member Ushka arrived at 12:05 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

### Other Items of Interest

At 12:03 p.m., Pamela Duncan, President and CEO, Metropolitan Development Council (MDC), presented a letter the MDC will send to Governor Jay Inslee to request an extension of the eviction moratorium.

Council Member Ushka arrived here, at 12:05 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding keeping people in their homes and families who need rental payments to pay mortgages on their rental properties.

### Briefing Items

1. [20-0975](#) Bus Rapid Transit Update

At approximately 12:17 p.m., Alexandra Mather, Government and Community Relations Officer, Pierce Transit (PT), provided opening remarks and introduced Ryan Wheaton, Community and Planning Development Executive Director, and Nathan BeVelle, Community Development Coordinator, PT. Mr. Wheaton presented an update on the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, including Route 1, why PT is implementing BRT, project funding, BRT route overview, safety improvements, branding concept, renderings of the station design, community outreach, property impact, and project timeline.

Mr. BeVelle presented the Pierce Transit commute solutions, including an update on current One Regional Card for All (ORCA) programs and the new program for multifamily ORCA cards.

Discussion ensued regarding safety enhancements for pedestrians, sidewalk improvements, east to west routes to get to Pacific Avenue, lane configuration, community outreach, impact on businesses, station design, working with property owners, coordination with other agencies, and how the ORCA multifamily program connects with affordable housing development.

2. [20-0976](#) Systems Transformation

At approximately 1:01 p.m., City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented the systems transformation update, including new items, community input to 21CP Solutions, the systems transformation update table, and the next steps timeline and draft transformation timeline.

### Committee Reports

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to have the City Council sign on to the letter to Governor Inslee in support of the Metropolitan Development Council's work concerning eviction.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

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There were no committee reports given.

### Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

3. [20-0977](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, December 10, 2020

City Manager Pauli stated there is one ceremonial on tonight's agenda, proclaiming Tuesday, December 15, 2020, as City Staff Recognition Day. She further stated there is one expected change to the agenda, a motion to

remove the motion to confirm the appointment of the Tacoma Police Chief.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 30 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 1:12 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre and Deputy City Attorneys Steve Victor and Charles Lee were present.

The Executive Session was extended by 20 minutes at 1:42 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 2:06 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk