



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

Telephonic

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May 15, 2020

2:00 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the special meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

All Council Members participated virtually.

Council Member McCarthy arrived at 2:37 p.m.

BRIEFING ITEMS

[20-0358](#)

Update on the status and impact of COVID-19 and the City's response including:

- Update on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding.
 - Federal Funding - Jen Covino, Simon and Company President;
 - Washington State Funding - Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager;
 - Pierce County Funding - Bruce Dammeier, Pierce County Executive.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli introduced Jen Covino, President, Simon and Company. Ms. Covino presented an update on federal funding, including funds received by Pierce County and Washington State, future legislation and allotments for the City, support for legislation between Republicans and Democrats, eligible uses for federal funds, engaging Senate leadership, and the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act.

City Manager Pauli introduced Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager, who presented an update on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding distribution in Washington State, including the amount of funding for the State, cities, and towns; how the funds

will be administered; and the five-part test for eligible expenses for Coronavirus relief funds.

Discussion ensued regarding a cost reimbursement process versus a pre-approval process and guidelines for eligible expenses.

City Manager Pauli introduced Bruce Dammeier, Pierce County Executive, and Gary Robinson, Finance Director, Pierce County. Mr. Dammeier presented an update on Pierce County funding, including the number of cases of COVID-19 in Pierce County versus other counties, restrictions on funding and how they have changed, and work completed by the Pierce County Recovery Steering Committee and County Council.

Council Member McCarthy arrived here, at 2:37 p.m.

Mr. Robinson presented an update on the Pierce County Recovery Steering Committee, including committee membership; CARES Act use of funds; categories of expenditures, noting the public health emergency response, economic stabilization and recovery programs, community response and resilience, essential government services, and a contingency reserve; and recent County Council legislation, including Resolution No. R2020-35 and Ordinance No. 2020-60.

Discussion ensued regarding working towards positive impacts in the community, loans that have been approved, and addressing inequity in the distribution of funds.

[20-0359](#)

Discussion on the potential amendment to Ordinance No. 28671, relating to the six-month extension of the Tideflats Interim Regulations.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to remove Item No. 2 from the agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

Discussion ensued regarding the intent of the potential amendment to Ordinance No. 28671, the reasons behind the removal of it, the Tideflats Subarea Steering Committee, collaboration with other groups, and sending the plan back to the Planning Commission for further review.

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

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Mayor Woodards stated that the City partnered with Kroger Retail Company to reopen the Tacoma Dome for Coronavirus testing for the community and that the testing site will be open for two weeks. She further stated that the site will prioritize essential workers, with a request to add bus drivers and health care workers, and results will come back within five days.

Discussion ensued regarding those who qualified for testing.

Mayor Woodards recognized Police Week, and key first responders in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the special meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk