



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**October 06, 2020**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

All Council Members participated virtually.

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Woodards.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Mr. Aaron Grissom as well as 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. [20-0641](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, September 10, 2020.
2. [20-0655](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee special meeting, July 14, 2020.
3. [20-0656](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, August 18, 2020.
4. [20-0659](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee special meeting, July 22, 2020.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

5. [RES40659](#) A resolution setting Monday, October 26, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner to consider Local Improvement District No. 3970, to extend the wastewater main in North 48th Street from Lexington Street east 150 feet, thence south in Lexington Street, approximately 680 feet, and all other work necessary for the extension.  
[Ralph Rodriguez, LID Administrator; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]
6. [RES40660](#) A resolution setting Monday, October 26, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner to consider Local Improvement District No. 3971, to extend the wastewater main in East 48th Street from East “D” Street west to East “C” Street, thence north in East “C” Street, approximately 390 feet, and all other work necessary for the extension.  
[Ralph Rodriguez, LID Administrator; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]
7. [RES40661](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 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 Ad Valorem and Emergency Medical Services tax levies for 2021.  
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]
8. [RES40662](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, October 27, and Tuesday, November 10, 2020, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the dates for the first and second public hearings by the City Council on the proposed 2021-2022 Biennial Operating Budget, 2021-2022 Capital Budget, and the 2021-2026 Capital Facilities Program.  
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]
9. [RES40663](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the University of Washington Tacoma (UWT) Puget Sound Institute, in the amount of \$396,005, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, to establish a modelling center and sustainable program of work at the UWT Puget Sound Institute, to address regional modelling needs, stakeholder engagement, and model applications, through May 30, 2022.  
[Daniel C. Thompson, Business Operations Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40659 through 40663.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40659 through 40663. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

## **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to suspend the rules to add a proclamation to tonight’s agenda as Item 11A, proclaiming Tuesday, October 6, 2020, as Indigenous Peoples’ Day.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**Mayor Woodards made a friendly amendment to change “Tuesday, October 6, 2020” to “Monday, October 12, 2020” The friendly amendment was accepted by Deputy Mayor Blocker.**

**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

10. [20-0654](#) Proclaiming October 8-11, 2020, as Arbor Days and Green Tacoma Days.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 8-11, 2020, as Arbor Days and Green Tacoma Days and presented the proclamation to Mr. Steve Dubiel, Executive Director, EarthCorps; Ms. Sarah Low, Executive Director, Tacoma Tree Foundation; and Ms. Joanna Nelson de Flores, Restoration and Stewardship Managing Director, Forterra.

11. [20-0653](#) Proclaiming October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Ms. Ardys Scott, Chair of the Pierce County Commission Against Domestic Violence.

- 11A. [20-0673](#) Proclaiming Monday, October 12, 2020, as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Monday, October 12, 2020, as Indigenous Peoples' Day and presented the proclamation to Puyallup Tribal Council Member Anna Bean.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:41 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 11 written comments for Public Comment, on Resolution Nos. 40666 through 40668.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jonathan Pottle, speaking on Ordinance No. 28692.
2. Megan Capes, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40664 and 40665.

Public Comment ended at 5:48 p.m.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

12. [RES40664](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Tac Build LLC, for the development of six multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 1016 South Yakima Avenue, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.

[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40664.**

**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

13. [RES40665](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Tac Build LLC, for the development of 35 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 1712 Tacoma Avenue South, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.

[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40665.**

**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

14. [RES40666](#) A resolution ratifying the Annual Performance Review of the City Manager and authorizing the execution of an amendment to the employment agreement with Elizabeth Pauli to serve as City Manager, retroactive to May 16, 2020. [Mayor Woodards]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40666.**

**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

15. [RES40667](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of \$75,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to stand-up a community-led, multi-sector systems transformation effort to address all institutions, systems, policies, practices, and contracts impacted by systemic racism, with initial priority being given to policing in the City of Tacoma, in alignment with Resolution No. 40622.  
[Mayor Woodards]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40667.**

**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. [RES40668](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of \$282,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, for a comprehensive package of expenses aligned with community needs in the 2019-2020 biennium, including: the purchase of body worn cameras for Tacoma Police Department personnel, a council-requested fossil fuel study, language access and translation services, the City's portion of funding 2020 activities of the South Sound Housing Affordability Partners, a faith community audit, and virtual programming for all ages in conjunction with the 2020 Tacoma Reads program.  
[Mayor Woodards]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40668.**

**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

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

17. [ORD28692](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for the position of City Manager, retroactive to May 16, 2020.  
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28692 was set over for final reading next week.**

## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

18. [20-0633](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 31.5 acres of Tacoma Power property, located in the Frederickson vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County, to Exeter Canyon Land, LLC, for the amount of \$10,600,000.  
[Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

The public hearing began at 7:10 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comments for the public hearing.

No individuals addressed the City Council.

The public hearing ended at 7:13 p.m.

19. [20-0604](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council for the potential reauthorization, extension, and modification of the Residential Infill Pilot Program, as codified in the Tacoma Municipal Code, Section 13.05.060.  
[Mesa Sherriff, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

The public hearing began at 7:14 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 16 written comments for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Karen, resident.
2. Rachel Randich, Tacoma-Pierce County Association of Realtors.

The public hearing ended at 7:48 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

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

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Hunter, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported at the September 30, 2020, special meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the Tacoma Public Utilities' (TPU) proposed rate increases; and the next meeting will be held on October 20, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., through Zoom, and will include presentations on TPU's economic development plans and Planning and Development Services' proposed code changes.

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Council Member Hines reminded everyone that the Town Hall on the proposed 6th Avenue and Orchard Street micro-shelter site is tomorrow, October 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., through Zoom, and that attendees can submit questions through the "chat" feature, and if questions are not answered during the meeting, Council Member Hines or City staff will follow up directly.


Council Member Ushka stated COVID-19 is still here, with 47 new cases in Pierce County, and encouraged everyone to wear their masks, social distance, and get a flu shot. She concluded by acknowledging that National Night Out would normally be celebrated tonight.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated that this week's transformation update can be found at [cityoftacoma.org/transform](http://cityoftacoma.org/transform) and invited everyone to visit [cityoftacoma.org/budget](http://cityoftacoma.org/budget) to find the newly filed budget book for the proposed 2021-2022 budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

  
Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

  
Doris Sorum, City Clerk