



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**April 06, 2021**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 2 - McCarthy and Walker

All Council Members participated virtually.

## FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor Blocker 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 Deputy Mayor Blocker.

## 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. [21-0320](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, March 8, 2021.

## CONSENT AGENDA

2. [21-0326](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, February 23, 2021.
3. [21-0327](#) Minutes of the Virtual Forum, February 23, 2021.

## RESOLUTIONS

4. [RES40768](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 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 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan for Housing, Community and Economic Development, and Public Services.  
[Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director; Community and Economic Development; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

5. [ORD28753](#) An ordinance reclassifying approximately 12,000 square feet of real property, located at 7904 Pacific Avenue, from an R-2 Single-Family Dwelling District to a C-1 General Neighborhood Commercial District, to allow for the construction of a 12-unit apartment building with parking and landscaping. (Royal Construction Group, LLC; File No. LU20-0241)  
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40768 and first reading of Ordinance No. 28753.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28753.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - McCarthy and Walker

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40768, and setting Ordinance No. 28753 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - McCarthy and Walker

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

6. [21-0335](#) Proclaiming April 5-11, 2021, as National Public Health Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed April 5-11, 2021, as National Public Health Week and presented the proclamation to Dr. Anthony Chen, Director of Health, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:17 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comments for Public Comment.

No individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:20 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

7. [21-0334](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all personal injury claims against the City in the matter of Joyce Giampaoli v. City of Tacoma, IHD, LLC, King County Superior Court Cause No. 19-2-15903-1 SEA, relating to personal injuries from a sidewalk trip and fall accident, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$300,000. This represents the City's contribution to the total settlement.

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**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - McCarthy and Walker

## RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES40767](#) (Continued from the meeting of March 30, 2021) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of \$25,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, for the purpose of supporting gun violence prevention efforts in the City; and directing the City Manager to negotiate and execute agreements with a facilitator, to convene workgroups to determine best practices for funding gun violence prevention efforts, and a research team, to review best practices to address gun and youth violence reduction.  
[Council Member Ushka]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40767.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - McCarthy and Walker

## APPOINTMENTS

9. [RES40769](#) A resolution appointing Mason Culbertson to the Human Rights Commission.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40769.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - McCarthy and Walker

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

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

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Ushka, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the March 11, 2021, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board; and at the March 25, 2021, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Human Rights Commission and received a presentation on the proposed 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on April 8, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include interviews for the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Thoms, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported at the March 9, 2021, meeting, the Committee received presentations on hotel worker recall rights and on grocery workers' compensation during the COVID-19 Proclamation of Emergency; at the March 23, 2021, meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the South Sound Manufacturing Industrial Council; and at the March 30, 2021, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Downtown Tacoma Partnership and on the Port of Tacoma Strategic Plan. He concluded by stating the April 13, 2021, meeting has been cancelled and the next meeting will be held on April 27, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., through Zoom, and will include presentations on how broadband is working for Tacoma residents, businesses, and schools; and on outdoor business options.

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Council Member Thoms expressed appreciation for discussions that the neighborhood councils are currently having, more specifically the Northeast Tacoma and North End Neighborhood Councils, about the Home in Tacoma program; announced the Government Performance and Finance Committee elected a new Chair and Vice Chair; stated the Litter Free 253 event is on April 17, 2021, at three locations, including Hilltop, Stadium, and Downtown Tacoma, where community members can volunteer to pick up litter in the City; and concluded by expressing gratitude to Ryan Beck, Community Liaison Officer, Tacoma Police Department, for reaching out to a neighboring jurisdiction and the Northeast Tacoma Neighborhood Council

regarding crimes that were happening between the City and the other jurisdiction.

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to excuse Council Members McCarthy and Walker from the meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - McCarthy and Walker

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Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that there is still a public health crisis and that COVID-19 is still here, case counts are going up, there is a chance that Pierce County can be rolled back to Phase 2 if case counts do not decrease, and asked everyone to be safe, wear their masks, physically distance, limit gatherings, and wash their hands.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk