



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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October 26, 2021

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Hunter.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of the four community members lost to gun violence on the Eastside last Thursday – Raymond Williams, Natasha Brincefield, Maria Nunez, and Emery Iese, as well as those who have lost their lives to or have been impacted by COVID-19 and systemic racism.

Mayor Woodards 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.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [21-1017](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, June 23, 2021.
2. [21-0999](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, September 13, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. [21-1034](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, May 18, 2021.
4. [21-1036](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, May 21, 2021.
5. [21-1035](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole special meeting, July 20, 2021.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. [21-1013](#) Proclaiming October 2021 as Safe Infant Sleep Awareness Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 2021 as Safe Infant Sleep Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Liz Montgomery, Executive Director, and Aileen Carroll, Board Member, Northwest Infant Survival and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Alliance; and Jordan Tracy, Public Health Nurse II, and Robyn Hansen, Health Promotion Coordinator, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

7. [21-1026](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented an update on systems transformation, including new items, noting the City Council's joint statement on actions underway to address community safety; equitable recruiting and selection practices; an equity toolkit and citywide assessment; Tacoma Police Department (TPD) Chief recruitment, noting an interview and engagement schedule; the livable wage jobs priority area; 21st Century Policing Solutions' recommended policy updates; a request for proposals on communication strategy assessment and recommendations; 2022 federal legislative priorities discussion at the October 12, 2021,

study session; and a presentation of state and federal priorities at the November 9, 2021, joint study session. She concluded by reviewing the transformation timeline and history.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:25 p.m.

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

No individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:28 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. [21-1033](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Elizabeth Smith v. the City of Tacoma; Church of the Living God; and Ashley Perry, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 19-2-05576-1, relating to personal injuries from a sidewalk trip and fall accident, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$61,250, which represents the City's portion of 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: 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Hines, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES40856](#) A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the execution of a Quitclaim Deed to convey the parcels located at 2512 Pacific Avenue and 2515 South Tacoma Way, to Cornus House LLC, to allow for expanded development, for the amount of \$380,000. [Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40856.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

10. [RES40857](#) A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the execution of a Quitclaim Deed to convey park property located at 4801 South Park Avenue, also known as Gas Station Park, to Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, for the continued growth and expansion of the park. [Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40857.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

- 11. [RES40858](#) A resolution increasing the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs membership from 11 to 13 members.
[Council Member Ushka]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40858.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Walker, Vice Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the September 29, 2021, special meeting, the Committee reviewed a proposal for a place naming request for the "Brewery Blocks" and received a presentation on the Home in Tacoma Project; and at the October 13, 2021, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Bus Rapid Transit project and the Home in Tacoma Project. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on October 27, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include an update on the place naming request for the "Brewery Blocks" and presentations on the Electric Vehicle Action Plan and the Home in Tacoma Project.

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Council Member Hunter announced that the Mayor and herself attended the ribbon cutting of the South Sound 911 call center on October 25, 2021, celebrating the grand opening of the new headquarters, which serves 917,000 community members in Pierce County in partnership with multiple municipalities; and expressed appreciation for the call center staff. Mayor Woodards expressed appreciation to Council Members Hunter and Thoms for their leadership and engagement on the South Sound 911 Board of Directors.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk