



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

Telephonic

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 854 4358 7742

June 05, 2020

1:00 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the special meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

All Council Members participated virtually.

BRIEFING ITEM

1. [20-0380](#) Approval of the submission of a letter to Governor Inslee requesting that an independent review of the death of Manuel Ellis be conducted.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to approve the submission of a letter to Governor Inslee requesting that an independent review of the death of Manuel Ellis be conducted.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

Mayor Woodards presented the intent of the letter and stated she and Governor Inslee will be discussing what it will take to stand up an independent review process for every officer involved death in Washington State.

Discussion ensued regarding support of the letter and ensuring the process is fair, impartial, transparent, and expedient for the Ellis family and for the officers involved.

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

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the special meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk