



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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April 27, 2021

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member McCarthy 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 Council Member McCarthy.

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. [21-0400](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee special meeting, December 2, 2020.
2. [21-0401](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, January 13, 2021.
3. [21-0402](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, February 10, 2021.
4. [21-0394](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, March 24, 2021.
5. [21-0383](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, March 24, 2021.

6. [21-0352](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, January 4, 2021.
7. [21-0353](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, February 1, 2021.
8. [21-0354](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, March 1, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

9. [21-0395](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, March 2, 2021.
10. [21-0396](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, March 9, 2021.
11. [21-0397](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole special meeting, March 23, 2021.
12. [21-0398](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole special meeting, March 29, 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: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. [21-0408](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented an update on systems transformation, including new items, noting new policies and transforming existing programs, organizational culture workshops to identify high-level anti-racist objectives, City work that aligns with the objectives, and the Workforce Equity Study; current state analysis of the Tacoma Police Department (TPD), noting body worn cameras, and the Alternative Response Study; recent accomplishments and items in progress or up next; and next steps and long-range transformation timelines.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:11 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution No. 40771.

Public Comment ended at 5:16 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

14. [RES40771](#) (Continued from the meeting of April 13, 2021) A resolution authorizing the Department of Public Utilities, Light Division, d.b.a. Tacoma Power, to adjust the wholesale transmission and ancillary services rates in Tacoma Power's Open Access Transmission Tariff, effective May 1, 2021.
[Marc Donaldson, Power Engineer; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40771.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and Ushka

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

15. [21-0399](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the Planning Commission's recommended amendments to Titles 13 and 19 of the Municipal Code, entitled Land Use Regulatory Code and Shoreline Master Program, to replace Amended Ordinance No. 28470, Tideflats Interim Regulations.
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

The public hearing began at 5:25 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 147 written comments for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Annette Bryan, Puyallup Tribal Council.
2. Anna Bean, Puyallup Tribal Council.
3. Robb Krehbiel, resident.
4. John Gustafson, U.S. Oil and Refining Co.
5. Dylan Ruggeri, resident.
6. Maddie Merton, resident.
7. Andrew Troske, U.S. Oil and Refining Co.
8. Cassie Paulson, resident.
9. Jennifer Keating Jolibois, Puyallup Tribe of Indians.
10. Troy Goodman, SeaPort Sound Terminal.
11. Naomi Pavlicek, resident.
12. Mark Martinez, Pierce County Building and Construction Trades Council.
13. Eric Johnson, Port of Tacoma.
14. Jacqueline Moffo, Economic Development Board (EDB) for Tacoma-Pierce County.
15. Mackenzie Knapp, Sunrise Movement.
16. Mark Vossler, Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility.
17. Melissa Malott, Citizens for a Healthy Bay.
18. Frank Boykin, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber.
19. Les Pogue Jr., resident.
20. Ron Roberts, Puget Sound Energy.
21. Sasha Zhang, Sunrise Movement.
22. John Carlton, resident.
23. Kathy Lawhon, resident.
24. Ken Zirinsky, resident.
25. Eileen Newton, resident.
26. Max Marcus, resident.

27. Deepa Sivarajan, Climate Solutions.
28. Marquis King Mason, Protect Tacoma Tidelands Coalition.
29. Anna Doty, Washington Environmental Council and Washington Conservation Voters.
30. Gunnar Hoff, WestRock Company, Tacoma Mill.
31. Tony Ivey, resident.

The City Council meeting recessed at 6:36 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 6:46 p.m.

32. Brian Amsbary, resident.
33. Sarah Bonds, EDB for Tacoma-Pierce County.
34. Jenna Judge, resident.
35. Bett Lucas, SeaPort Sound Terminal.
36. Rachel Haxtema, resident.
37. Victoria Leistman, Sierra Club.
38. Mariana Sanchez, Sunrise Movement and Washington Environmental Council.
39. Nikie Walters, resident.
40. Matthew Hepner, Certified Electrical Workers of Washington.
41. Maddie Smith, Earth Ministry and Washington Interfaith Power and Light.
42. Sean Arent, resident.
43. Stacy Oaks, 350 Seattle and Power Past Fracked Gas Coalition.
44. Kyle Jolibois, resident.
45. Randy Heiberg, resident.
46. Alexa Folsom-Hill, resident.
47. Rick Salmon, St. Leo Parish.
48. Roger Martin, resident.
49. Timothy O'Donnell, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 76.
50. Kevin Dolan, resident.
51. Ramona Bennett, resident.
52. Joe Vincenzo, Seafarers International Union of North America.
53. Joel Ropo, resident.
54. Grace Hope, resident.
55. Erin Dilworth, Citizens for a Healthy Bay.
56. Stephanie Hillman, Sierra Club and Power Past Fracked Gas Coalition.
57. Neal Anderson, Power Past Fracked Gas Coalition.
58. Barret Carpenter, resident.
59. Derek Bronson, Matrix Service.
60. Jared Moe, United Steelworkers Local 592.
61. Charlene Matheson, Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

The City Council meeting recessed at 7:40 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

- 62. Taylor Allen, resident.
- 63. Josef Barlow-Farrar, Extinction Rebellion Tacoma.
- 64. Katie, Extinction Rebellion Tacoma.
- 65. Kristin Ang, resident.
- 66. Cathy Carruthers, resident.
- 67. Aleksey Gergalo, South Puget Sound Carpenters Local 129.
- 68. Chrissy Cooley, Public Utility Board.
- 69. Melissa Knott, resident.
- 70. Kathy Hewitt, resident.
- 71. Jimmy Peterson, Laborers Local 252.
- 72. Heidi Stephens, resident.
- 73. Bruce Martin, WestRock Tacoma.
- 74. Tracy Jones-Ross, resident.

The public hearing ended at 8:13 p.m.

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

Deputy Mayor Blocker, Vice Chair, Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the April 8, 2021, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs; and on April 22, 2021, the Committee received presentations on the Strategic Alliance to Strengthen Family Violence Prevention Services, and on the TPD's body worn camera program. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on May 13, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include interviews for the Human Services Commission.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to excuse Council Member Ushka from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

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Mayor Woodards stated that COVID-19 is still here, case counts are over 200 cases a day, and asked everyone to wash their hands, social distance, limit gatherings, and follow the initiatives that were set by Governor Inslee.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk