



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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February 16, 2021

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

Absent: 3 - Thoms, Ushka and Mayor Woodards

Council Member Ushka arrived at 5:03 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Ushka arrived here, at 5:03 p.m.

Council Member Hunter 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 Hunter.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Kris Brannon and 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. [21-0163](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, January 13, 2021.
2. [21-0164](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, January 27, 2021.
3. [21-0165](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, January 6, 2021.
4. [21-0166](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission special meeting, January 13, 2021.

5. [21-0161](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, January 27, 2021.
6. [21-0143](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, January 11, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. [21-0167](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, January 25, 2021.

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker
Absent: 2 - Thoms and Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. [21-0162](#) Proclaiming February 2021 as Career and Technical Education Month.

Deputy Mayor Blocker proclaimed February 2021 as Career and Technical Education Month and presented the proclamation to Shakisha Ross, Workforce Program and Investment Specialist, Community and Economic Development, and John Page, Director of Career and Technical Education, Tacoma Public Schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:18 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for Public Comment, on Resolution No. 40750, regarding the sale of Tacoma Water property.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Brian Devereux, speaking on Resolution No. 40750.

Public Comment ended at 5:22 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

9. [RES40748](#) A resolution appointing, reappointing, and ratifying individuals and all actions and decisions made by the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries, for the years 2017 through 2020.
[Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40748.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 2 - Thoms and Mayor Woodards

RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES40749](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the City of Ruston, to provide wastewater treatment and disposal services, for an initial period of 20 years, with three automatic renewal periods of ten years, for a total period of 50 years, and replacing and superseding all prior agreements.
[Daniel C. Thompson, Ph.D., Business Operations Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40749.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

ACTION: Roll call vote was requested and taken. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Ayes: 6 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Ushka and Walker

Nays: 1 - McCarthy

Absent: 2 - Thoms and Mayor Woodards

11. [RES40750](#) A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the sale of approximately 43 acres of Tacoma Water property, located in the Puyallup vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County, to the Puyallup School District No. 3, for the amount of \$2,025,000. [Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40750.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 6 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Ushka and Walker

Nays: 1 - McCarthy

Absent: 2 - Thoms and Mayor Woodards

12. [RES40751](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of \$6,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, as the City's contribution towards a Joint Municipal Action Committee sponsored Request for Proposal to provide consulting services to better align the work of participating organizations. [Council Member Walker]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40751.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 2 - Thoms and Mayor Woodards

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

13. [ORD28735](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement changes to family member definitions when related to the use of paid sick leave and personal time off, retroactive to February 15, 2021.
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28735.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 2 - Thoms and Mayor Woodards

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli corrected a statement she made during study session regarding systems transformation updates and stated the updates will be provided on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month during the City Council meetings, and will continue to be provided during study sessions and posted on the transformation webpage at cityoftacoma.org/transform. She concluded by sharing the status of the warming shelters, noting each of the sites were either at or near capacity over the weekend.

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 February 2, 2021, meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the Continuous Improvement program; and at today's meeting, the Committee received presentations on the PurpleAir air quality monitoring program, utility rate adjustments for the City of University Place, and a bond refinance opportunity. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on March 2, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., through Zoom, and will include a presentation on the City's insurance program.

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MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to excuse Mayor Woodards from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 2 - Thoms and Mayor Woodards

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to excuse Council Member Thoms from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 2 - Thoms and Mayor Woodards

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk