



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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November 02, 2021

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Ushka 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 Ushka.

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. [21-1045](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, May 25, 2021.
2. [21-1053](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, October 13, 2021.
3. [21-1012](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, July 21, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. [21-1037](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, May 25, 2021.
5. [21-1050](#) Minutes of the Virtual Forum, May 25, 2021.

RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES40859](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation, increasing the amount by \$638,413, for a total of \$1,269,735; accepting and depositing said sum into the Transportation Capital Fund, for design changes to the roadway geometrics to reconfigure the directional pedestrian ramps, increase the pavement restoration area of the intersection, upgrade and add crossing signals, and replace damaged signal poles along South 56th Street and Tacoma Mall Boulevard at the I-5 Interchange. [Jon Kulju, Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40859.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40859. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. [21-1054](#) Recognizing Senator Jeannie Darneille.

The recognition was presented later in the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:06 p.m.

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

No individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:06 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. [21-1049](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Frederick P.S. Whang and Kihyen Whang, and 201 Broadway Condominium Association v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 19-2-12518-2, relating to the right-of-way at South 2nd Street between Stadium Way and Broadway, quit-claiming this area to the abutting property owners while retaining the necessary easements for utilities.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Frederick P.S. Whang and Kihyen Whang, and 201 Broadway Condominium Association v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 19-2-12518-2, relating to the right-of-way at South 2nd Street between Stadium Way and Broadway, quit-claiming this area to the abutting property owners while retaining the necessary easements for utilities.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

APPOINTMENTS

9. [RES40860](#) A resolution appointing Andrea Cobb to the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees for a five-year term beginning January 20, 2022, through January 19, 2027.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40860.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. [21-1054](#) Recognizing Senator Jeannie Darneille.

Mayor Woodards recognized Senator Jeannie Darneille and presented the recognition and a Key to the City to Ms. Darneille.

RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES40861](#) A resolution authorizing the extension of the Recycle Reset Project, and continuing the designation as a Special Project of Limited Duration, to extend existing project positions and continue focused education and outreach around waste reduction, recycling contamination issues, and continue the implementation and monitoring of changes to the residential recycling system related to glass recycling, through December 31, 2022.
[Lewis Griffith, P.E., Solid Waste Management Division Manager;
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40861.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

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 October 14, 2021, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Youth and Young Adult Violence Reduction Program and systems transformation; and at the October 28, 2021, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Tacoma Public Library's Hilltop and Eastside feasibility study, the 2021-2022 housing and urban development annual action plan, and a homelessness update. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on November 4, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include interviews for the Community's Police Advisory Committee.

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Council Member Ushka expressed appreciation for law enforcement staff, including the Tacoma Police Department (TPD), for their work in resolving an incident that had occurred recently.

Mayor Woodards also expressed appreciation for the TPD and law enforcement as well as for Council Member Ushka for her leadership in her district at this time. She further expressed appreciation for the Islamic Center of Tacoma, Associated Ministries of Tacoma, and Tacoma Community College, for holding an interfaith solidarity gathering against attacks on places of worship on October 31, 2021. She continued by providing information on COVID-19 booster shots, including where residents can receive them; the Centers for Disease Control recommendations; vaccination rates by age range; the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department's virtual community presentation on Thursday, November 4, 2021, to discuss the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine; case rates; and how local businesses can help lower case rates by following the vaccination and mask mandates,

where applicable. Mayor Woodards concluded by reminding everyone that today is Election Day and encouraging all residents to vote.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to excuse Council Member McCarthy 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, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk