



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

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**January 12, 2021**

**12:00 PM**

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### Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:04 p.m.

### Roll Call

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

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

Council Member McCarthy arrived at 1:00 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

### Briefing Items

1. [21-0051](#) Systems Transformation

At approximately 12:05 p.m., City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented the systems transformation update, including new items, community feedback to 21CP Solutions, the systems transformation update table, the next steps timeline, and the draft transformation timeline.

### Other Items of Interest

2. [21-0054](#) Mayor and Council Response to the Attack on the U.S. Capital

At approximately 12:09 p.m., Mayor Woodards presented a statement regarding the January 6, 2021, attacks on the United States (U.S.) Capitol and the Washington State Capitol.

Discussion ensued regarding racism and white supremacy, working to make Tacoma an anti-racist city, transforming Tacoma into a welcoming city, seeking accountability for the attacks on the Capitols, and comparing the response to the attacks on the U.S. Capitol to the response to the Black Lives Matter protests.

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to have the City Council sign the statement regarding the January 6, 2021, attacks on the United States Capitol and the Washington State Capitol.**

**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

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Mayor Woodards presented an update on the Mayor’s Guaranteed Income program, including a retreat to discuss the components of a successful work plan and a presentation to a City Council study session; the Mayors’ Institute on Job Creation and Economic Opportunity to Improve Health and Equity, noting the National League of Cities, the focus area, and participation; and the National Network for Safe Communities at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, which is considering a partnership with Tacoma for a two-year grant and would support the efforts of Tacoma's Heal The Heart and Project PEACE 2.0 transformation initiatives.

Discussion ensued regarding how the grant would affect the transformation work being done.

### **Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports given.

### **Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report**

- 3. [21-0052](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, January 7, 2021

City Manager Pauli stated there are two ceremonials on tonight's agenda, one proclaiming January 18, 2021, as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and one proclaiming January 2021 as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month. She further stated there are no expected changes to tonight's agenda, but a motion will be considered at the top of the agenda to move the consideration of Ordinance No. 28729 and Ordinance No. 28730 to the beginning of the meeting.

Mayor Woodards reminded the City Council that tonight's Community Forum and Virtual Forum are limited to 90 minutes, and that the speaking time will

be limited to 60 seconds per person.

## **Executive Session - Potential Litigation**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 30 minutes.**

**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

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 12:42 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre, Chief Deputy City Attorney Chris Bacha, Deputy City Attorney Steve Victor; and Gretchen Cappio and Alison Chase, Keller Rohrback, LLP, were present.

Council Member McCarthy arrived here, at 1:00 p.m.

The Executive Session was extended by 30 minutes at 1:15 p.m., 1:42 p.m., and 2:18 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 2:38 p.m.

**MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a and b) to discuss labor negotiations, not to exceed 30 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.**

**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 study session was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

The Closed Session was held after the adjournment of the study session.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk