



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**June 09, 2020**

**5:00 PM**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **ROLL CALL**

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

All Council Members participated virtually.

## **FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Council Member McCarthy.

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

In honor of Manuel Ellis and his family, friends, and loved ones.

## **ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

There were no items filed in the City Clerk's Office.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. [20-0376](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, May 8, 2020.
2. [20-0377](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, May 12, 2020.

### FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

3. [ORD28661](#) An ordinance vacating all those portions of publicly dedicated right-of-way, lying between East 48th Street and the northerly margin of East 52nd Street, within the Swan Creek Park boundaries, to be incorporated into the park property for recreational enhancements and improvements, free of the City’s right-of-way interests. (Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma; File No. 124.1406)  
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]
  
4. [ORD28672](#) An ordinance reclassifying the property located at 8632 “A” Street, approximately 34,245 square feet in area, from an R-2 Single-Family Dwelling District to a R-4-L Low-Density Multiple-Family Dwelling District, for the development of housing units.  
(RPC Tacoma, LLC; File No. LU19-0208)  
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

### FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

5. [ORD28675](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of the alleyway between South 67th and South 69th Streets, and South Adams Street and vacated Durango Street, to facilitate contiguous commercial development of three adjacent parcels. (Four Dogs and Pepper LLC, formerly listed as The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County; File No. 124.1407)  
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Ordinance Nos. 28661 and 28672 and first reading of Ordinance No. 28675.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28675.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**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

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Ordinance Nos. 28661 and 28672 and setting Ordinance No. 28675 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

## **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:05 p.m.

Public Comment ended at 5:05 p.m.

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

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

6. [RES40611](#) A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the execution of a Quitclaim Deed to convey a parcel of real property, located between South 67th and South 69th Streets, and South Adams Street and vacated Durango Street, to Four Dogs and Pepper LLC, to retain a utility easement. [Teague Pasco, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40611.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

7. [RES40612](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Tac Build LLC, for the development of 25 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 814 South 21st Street, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40612.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

#### **FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

8. [ORD28673](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to authorize a temporary increase to the maximum accrual limits for Vacation Leave and Personal Time Off plans. [Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28673. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

9. [ORD28674](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6B.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to General License Provisions, by adding a new Section 6B.10.077, entitled "Director authority to waive license requirements", to allow the Finance Director to extend or waive license requirements during an economic recession or declared emergency, to mitigate harm to the public health, safety, and welfare. [Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28674. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **COMMUNITY FORUM**

Community Forum began at 5:24 p.m.

Community Forum ended at 5:24 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received the following written comments for Community Forum: one regarding Tacoma Creates, 30 regarding police, one regarding the Tideflats, and one regarding the Northwest Detention Center.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

## **COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

There were no Standing Committee reports given.

Council Member Ushka clarified the language used in the June 2, 2020, Proclamation of Emergency which allowed for a curfew for a single night, and stated that the language that was used in the Proclamation could imply or restrict the rights of the media. She further stated it was not the City's intent to do that at all and that in collaboration with Mayor Woodards and City Manager Elizabeth Pauli the language has been changed to avoid any future confusion should there be a need to call for another curfew.

Mayor Woodards thanked all of the people who demonstrated peacefully in the City over the weekend, the young people who have been organizing conversations around race and demonstrations, and the ministers who held a prayer meeting at Cheney Stadium.

Deputy Mayor Blocker thanked City staff for all of their hard work while we are going through tough times and shortage of staff.

Mayor Woodards further thanked the police department and all of the local jurisdictions who have helped us for making the City a safe place for people to demonstrate.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk