



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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October 12, 2021

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Council Member Thoms arrived at 5:04 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor Blocker 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 Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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. [21-0966](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, August 9, 2021.
2. [21-0965](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, August 30, 2021.

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Council Member Thoms arrived here, at 5:04 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. [21-0979](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole special meeting, April 13, 2021.

RESOLUTIONS

4. [RES40848](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County for the annexation of the Manitou Potential Annexation Area, located near Lakewood Drive West and 66th Street West; and authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding for the transition of governmental services related to said annexation.
[Lihuang Wung, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40848.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40848. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. [21-0973](#) Proclaiming October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Ardys Scott, Chair, Pierce County Commission Against Domestic Violence.

6. [21-0984](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition.

Mayor Woodards recognized Connor Mon, temple member, Khmer Theravadin Buddhist Temple, and presented the Compassionate Tacoma recognition to Mr. Mon.

7. [21-0970](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented an update on systems transformation, including new items, noting an update from the Heal the Heart of Tacoma Core Coordinating Team at the October 19, 2021, study session; consultant-facilitated cross-departmental review of mid-biennium budget modification proposals; a pilot of equity training for committee, board, and commission members; the initial presentation of the Class and Compensation Study findings from the October 5, 2021, study session; a request for proposals on communication strategy assessment and recommendations; status of the project for background checks in compliance with Substitute Washington House Bill 1088; a Community's Police Advisory Committee event on use of force and oversight; Tacoma Police Department (TPD) Chief recruitment; 2022 federal legislative priorities discussion at the October 12, 2021, study session; and a presentation of state and federal priorities at the November 9, 2021, joint study session. She concluded by reviewing the transformation timeline and history.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:22 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28782, regarding Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association accounts.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Heidi Stevens, speaking on Resolution No. 40850.
2. Les Pogue, Jr., speaking on Resolution Nos. 40849 and 40850.
3. Carol Kindt, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40849 and 40850.

Public Comment ended at 5:31 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

8. [RES40849](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40849.

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

RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES40850](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Mount Bay, LLC, for the development of 303 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 301 East 26th 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. 40850.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Nays: 1 - Beale

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

10. [ORD28782](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, by amending Section 1.12.229, entitled “VEBA Accounts”, regarding changes to contributions of unused and accrued leave by eligible nonrepresented employees at the time of retirement.
[Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28782 was set over for final reading next week.

11. [ORD28783](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, by amending Section 1.12.248, entitled “Personal Time Off plan”, to change the annual cash-out provisions for nonrepresented employees, effective January 1, 2022.
[Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28783 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 5:48 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received 17 written comment for Community Forum regarding graffiti, police response, littering, homelessness, Tideflats and Industrial Land Use Regulations, slope stabilization on North Stadium Way, and COVID-19 restrictions.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Sally Perkins, regarding community inclusion, the community safety plan, and TPD recruitment and retention.
2. Kyle Jolibois, regarding liquefied natural gas, housing, homelessness, boulders on Yakima Avenue, and the Pierce County Sheriff.
3. Resident, regarding the community safety plan.
4. Les Pogue, Jr., regarding TPD recruitment and training, homelessness, and boulders on Yakima Avenue.
5. Jake Nyman, regarding vandalism, litter, public safety, and homelessness.
6. Kristen Wynne, regarding crime, TPD response times, and resources.

7. Heidi Stevens, regarding Ordinance No. 28781 regarding reclassification of property.
8. Blake, regarding the Interlocal Agreement on the Manitou Potential Annexation Area.
9. Callista Brown, regarding the Community Trauma Response Team.
10. Kevin O'Brien, regarding Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations.
11. Kathy Lawhon, regarding Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations, policing, Indigenous Peoples' Day, and liquefied natural gas.
12. Carol Kindt, regarding Indigenous Peoples' Day, Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations, and in-person meetings.
13. Nikie Walters, regarding Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations and the update on the Manual Ellis case.
14. Kristen Carlson, regarding rising crime, homelessness, public safety, and TPD hiring and response times.
15. Angela Connelly, regarding transformation, public safety, and the TPD.

Community Forum ended at 6:14 p.m.

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 (CVS), reported at the September 23, 2021, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Washington House Bill 1590 outreach plan and the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs 2021 annual report and recommendations, and held a discussion on the committees, boards, and commissions under CVS. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on October 14, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include presentations on the youth violence prevention assessment and transformation efforts.

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Thoms, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported at the September 28, 2021, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board; and today's meeting was cancelled. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on October 26, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., through Zoom, and will include a presentation on Tacoma Public Utilities' Economic Development efforts.

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Council Member Hines addressed comments from the Public Comment and Community Forum periods, regarding in-person meetings and the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption Program.

Council Member Ushka expressed gratitude to members of the community for helping clean up the Khmer Theravadin Buddhist Temple.

Mayor Woodards provided an update on COVID-19, including how the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD) continues to collaborate with Pierce County business and hospitality leaders to consider ways to get more people vaccinated; the isolation and quarantine facility at the Lighthouse Senior Center has extended its operations until November 30, 2021; the TPCHD has a new data dashboard on their website that provides more information on COVID-19; transmission in the community is still high and is spreading more in areas with low vaccination rates; data on vaccinations rates and age ranges; and encouraged everyone to continue to wear their masks, wash their hands, and turn to reliable sources for questions regarding the vaccine.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk