



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**April 20, 2021**

**5:00 PM**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Blocker called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

All Council Members participated virtually.

## **FLAG SALUTE**

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 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. [21-0368](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, February 10, 2021.
2. [21-0349](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, October 5, 2020.
3. [21-0350](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, November 2, 2020.
4. [21-0351](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, December 7, 2020.
5. [21-0377](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, February 17, 2021.

## CONSENT AGENDA

6. [21-0372](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, February 23, 2021.
7. [21-0379](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, February 26, 2021.
8. [21-0380](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, February 27, 2021.
9. [21-0381](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, March 2, 2021.
10. [21-0382](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, March 9, 2021.

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

11. [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]
12. [ORD28753](#) An ordinance reclassifying approximately 12,000 square feet of real property, located at 7904 Pacific Avenue, from an R-2 Single-Family Dwelling District to a C-1 General Neighborhood Commercial District, to allow for the construction of a 12-unit apartment building with parking and landscaping. (Royal Construction Group, LLC; File No. LU20-0241)  
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Ordinance Nos. 28675 and 28753.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Ordinance Nos. 28675 and 28753. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 13. [21-0390](#) Proclaiming Monday, April 26, 2021, as Domestic Violence Awareness Day.

Deputy Mayor Blocker proclaimed Monday, April 26, 2021, as Domestic Violence Awareness Day and presented the proclamation to Craig Roberts, Director, Crystal Judson Family Justice Center.

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**MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 19, Ordinance No. 28756, at this time.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

- 19. [ORD28756](#) An ordinance amending Title 8 of the Municipal Code, relating to Public Safety, by adding a new Chapter 8.19, entitled “Use of Public Property”, to align with the amended declaration of emergency and providing a comprehensive response to public health concerns related to camping and storage of personal items on public property.  
[Council Member Thoms]

**MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to continue Ordinance No. 28756 to a meeting on or before May 18, 2021.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:27 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 56 written comments for Public Comment on Resolution No. 40776, regarding the City's municipal carbon footprint, and Ordinance No. 28756, regarding camping on public property.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Deepa Sivarajan, speaking on Resolution No. 40776.
2. Sean Arent, speaking on Resolution No. 40776.
3. Nakanee McCord, speaking on Resolution No. 40776.
4. Marquis King Mason, speaking on Resolution No. 40776.
5. Brendan Haigh, speaking on Resolution No. 40776.
6. Ingrid Archibald, speaking on Resolution No. 40776.
7. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution No. 40776.
8. Laura Svancarek, speaking on Resolution No. 40776.
9. Rebecca Lumbantobing, speaking on Resolution No. 40776.
10. Stacy Oaks, speaking on Resolution No. 40776.
11. Sasha Zhang, speaking on Resolution No. 40776.
12. Mariana Sanchez, speaking on Resolution No. 40776.
13. Cathy Carruthers, speaking on Resolution No. 40776.
14. Marilyn Kimmerling, speaking on Resolution No. 40776.
15. Steven Tollefson, speaking on Resolution No. 40776.
16. Nolan Hibbard-Pelly, speaking on Resolution No. 40776.
17. Devin Rydel Kelly, speaking on Resolution No. 40776 and Ordinance No. 28755.
18. Elly Claus-McGahan, speaking on Resolution No. 40776.
19. Jonathan Pottle, speaking on Ordinance No. 28755.

Public Comment ended at 6:05 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### APPOINTMENTS

14. [RES40773](#) A resolution appointing, reappointing, and reassigning individuals to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 40773.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

**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

15. [RES40774](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Louis Rudolph Homes LLC, for the development of 12 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 1618 and 1620 South “G” Street, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.  
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 40774.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

16. [RES40775](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Stan and Sarah Rumbaugh, for the development of eight multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 611 South Anderson Street, in the Sixth Avenue Mixed-Use Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 40775.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

17. [RES40776](#) A resolution reducing the City’s municipal carbon footprint by restricting the use of natural gas and new fossil fuel for existing buildings and future capital investments, encouraging other local jurisdictions to do the same, and assessing impacts for imposing the same restrictions on new commercial and residential construction., effective January 1, 2022. [James G. Parvey, P.E., Environmental Policy and Sustainability Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 40776.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

18. [ORD28755](#) (First and Final Reading) An ordinance adopting additional findings; amending the declaration of emergency granted pursuant to Ordinance No. 28430, and amended by Ordinance Nos. 28457, 28477, 28565, 28637; declaring support of Pierce County and the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness; directing the City Manager to ensure appropriate staff participate in Pierce County's Ad Hoc Committee, in developing a countywide Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness over the next six months; and declaring an emergency, and making necessary the passage of this ordinance, and it's taking effect immediately.  
[Mayor Woodards]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28755.**

**The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

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[Council Member Thoms]

**Ordinance No. 28756 was continued to a meeting on or before May 18, 2021, earlier in the meeting.**

## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

20. [21-0348](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan for Housing, Community and Economic Development, and Public Services.  
[Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director; Community and Economic Development; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

The public hearing began at 6:49 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comments.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Rahn Clayton, resident.
2. Regina Eury, resident.
3. Kathy Lawhon, resident.

The public hearing ended at 7:04 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

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

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member McCarthy, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the March 24, 2021, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District and Underground Storage Tanks, and on the Recycle Reset program; and at the April 14, 2021, meeting, the Committee received presentations on proposed amendments to the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program, and on the Puyallup Avenue transit and complete streets improvement project. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on April 28, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include a follow-up presentation on the proposed amendments to the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program, and a presentation on Tacoma's Streets Initiative.

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Council Member Thoms expressed appreciation to the American Legion Post 2, Bethel High School's Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program, and the Tacoma Historical Society, for helping in reestablishing the flag pole that was damaged at War Memorial Park.

Council Members Hunter and Ushka stated that COVID-19 is still here and asked everyone to wash their hands, social distance, get the vaccine, and wear their masks.

Council Member Beale expressed appreciation for volunteers and the Neighborhood Councils that participated at the Litter Free 253 event, stating that approximately 500 to 600 volunteers participated and collected over 1,000 bags of trash.



**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doris Sorum", written over a horizontal line.

Doris Sorum, City Clerk