



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126

Webinar Link: www.zoom.us/j/84834233126 Passcode: 349099

November 23, 2021

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Hunter

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Walker 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 Walker.

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. [21-1136](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, July 14, 2021.
2. [21-1137](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, July 28, 2021.
3. [21-1153](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, October 21, 2021.
4. [21-1154](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, October 27, 2021.
5. [21-1139](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, October 11, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. [21-1140](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, May 11, 2021.
7. [21-1151](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, May 18, 2021.
8. [21-1146](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, May 25, 2021.
9. [21-1147](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, June 8, 2021.
10. [21-1155](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, June 15, 2021.

RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES40872](#) A resolution setting Thursday, January 6, 2022, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of an alley, abutting and lying south of East 30th Street, between East “K” Street to the west, and Valley View Terrace to the east, for expanded yard use.
(Aaron Beckord; File No. 124.1425)
[Teague Pasco, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40872.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40872. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Hunter

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. [21-1126](#) Proclaiming Saturday, November 27, 2021, as Small Business Saturday.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Saturday, November 27, 2021, as Small Business Saturday and presented the proclamation to Herschel Wilson, CEO, and Noelle Wilson, COO, Painting Panda Pottery Studio, and Liz-Van Dyke, Owner, Stocklist Goods and Gifts.

13. [21-1148](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented an update on systems transformation, including new items, noting the passage of the 2021-2022 mid-biennium budget modifications at the November 16, 2021, City Council meeting; the Equal Employment Opportunity training pilot for supervisors; the internal, organizational, anti-racist transformation mission, vision, and values; Tacoma Police Department (TPD) information technology systems assessment with Slalom Consulting; and TPD Chief recruitment. She concluded by reviewing the transformation timeline and history.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:19 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Eve Bowen, speaking on Resolution No. 40873.
2. Les Pogue Jr., speaking on the City Manager's presentation regarding systems transformation.

Public Comment ended at 5:23 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

14. [RES40873](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Community's Police Advisory Committee.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40873.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Hunter

15. [RES40874](#) A resolution appointing individuals to the Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma leadership team.
[Ted Richardson, Management Fellow; Tadd Wille, Deputy City Manager, City Manager's Office]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40874.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Hunter

RESOLUTIONS

16. [RES40875](#) A resolution designating 29 Public Works and Environmental Services projects as Special Projects of Limited Duration, and designating general salary classifications and benefits for persons employed on said projects, through December 31, 2027. [Chris E. Larson, P.E., Engineering Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, Director, Public Works; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40875.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Hunter

17. [RES40876](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a non-exclusive perpetual easement to Roy Meadows Development Group LLC, for the amount of \$25,000, accepting and depositing said sum into the Tacoma Rail Mountain Division Fund, for a private road crossing in a portion of Tacoma Rail Mountain Division right-of-way, to serve a planned residential subdivision in the City of Roy. [Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40876.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Hunter

18. [RES40877](#) A resolution adopting the priority issues for the 2022 sessions of the United States Congress and Washington State Legislature.
[Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager; Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40877.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Hunter

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

19. [21-1180](#) Home in Tacoma Project proposed amendments review.

Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, Planning and Development Services, presented on the Home in Tacoma Project, including the purpose; Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee's recommended mid-scale map; and a summary and review of the 15 potential amendments, noting which Council Member brought the amendment forward, and what type of change is proposed.

Mayor Woodards stated a special meeting will be held next week to discuss the amendments, and that final reading of Ordinance No. 28793, regarding the Home in Tacoma Project, will be continued from the Tuesday, November 30, 2021, City Council meeting, to the Tuesday, December 7, 2021, City Council meeting. She further stated the amendments will be posted on the City's website at cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma, and if there are any further amendments, Council Members should provide them to staff by the end of the business day tomorrow.

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 October 27, 2021, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Brewery Blocks place naming designation, the electric vehicle action plan, and the Home in Tacoma Project; at the November 10, 2021, meeting, the Committee received a presentation on food-producing trees in the right-of-way and tree protection; and at the November 17, 2021, special meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Vision Zero action plan and speed reduction study, and updates to the floodplain management code. He concluded by stating the November 24, 2021, meeting, has been cancelled, and the next meeting will be held on December 8, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include interviews for the Planning Commission.

* * * * *

Mayor Woodards provided information on COVID-19 vaccine boosters, including the eligibility age, the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department's (TPCHD) recommendation, and where to get help to schedule the booster shot; she further provided information on age eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine, and COVID-19 case and hospitalization rates. She concluded by stating that after a 20-month unified command with the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management, the unified command will be dissolved on November 23, 2021; and that the TPCHD continues the response and recovery effort under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's emergency support function and as a public health lead for the emergency response of COVID-19.

* * * * *

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

Absent: 1 - Hunter

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victoria R. Woodards". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doris Sorum". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Doris Sorum, City Clerk