



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**October 26, 2021**

**6:00 PM**

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## VIRTUAL FORUM

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the Virtual Forum to order at 6:01 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

Council Member McCarthy arrived at 6:20 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

### COMMUNITY MEMBER COMMENTS

Community Member Comments began at 6:04 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 14 written comments for Community Member Comments, regarding a homeless camp near South "I" Street, the Home in Tacoma Project, the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations, and homelessness.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jamie Otto, regarding the Baltimore Street project.
2. Kyle Jolibois, regarding the homeless encampment near Evergreen State College, boulders on Yakima Avenue, liquefied natural gas, the Pierce County Sheriff, and public safety.
3. Ann Darling, regarding break-ins on Pacific Avenue and personal safety.
4. Nikie Walters, regarding standards for a clean environment.
5. Sean Eagan, regarding the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations.
6. Kathy Lawhon, regarding the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations, liquefied natural gas, and crime.
7. Kyle Bland, regarding crime, homelessness, the City budget, and the Tacoma Police Department (TPD).
8. Esther Day, regarding the TPD and crime.

9. David Thompson, regarding voting for a non-profit to win the Seattle Seahawks Toyota Tundra giveaway and stabilization of the food supply chain.
10. Sally Perkins, regarding mental health funding and services.
11. Devin Rydel Kelly, regarding mental health funding and services

Council Member McCarthy arrived here, at 6:26 p.m.

12. Kristen Wynne, regarding reenacting the City's camping ban.
13. General Ovunayo X, regarding offering services to the TPD and the removal of a homeless encampment on 6th Avenue.
14. Jeffrey Boyce, regarding homelessness and the camping ban.
15. Kristina Maritzak, regarding public safety and homelessness.
16. Eve Bowen, regarding the Community Trauma Response Team.
17. Les Pogue Jr., regarding COVID-19, homelessness, and the multi-family property tax exemption for the proposed building on South 25th Street and Pacific Avenue.
18. Brent Beckstead, regarding homelessness.
19. Matt, regarding homelessness, the City budget, and crime.
20. Carl, regarding homeless encampments.
21. Jenny Schmitz, regarding crime and the City budget.
22. Naomi Smith, regarding the City's consideration of anti-racist policies, funding for mental health services, and homelessness.
23. Jonathan Pottle, regarding the City budget; funding and services for mental health, housing, addressing white supremacy, and COVID-19; and the City's camping ban.
24. Theresa Hamel, regarding a homeless encampment in the construction area on Stadium Way.
25. Resident, regarding mental health services, the City jail, and the City budget.
26. John Hemphill, regarding the homeless camp near Evergreen State College and legislation that increases civil or criminal penalties on the homeless.
27. Taylor Hawkins, regarding crime.
28. Jake Nyman, regarding crime, mental health services, and the City budget.
29. Jess Thompson, regarding short-term rentals.
30. Angela Connelly, regarding homelessness.
31. Breanna, regarding crime and homelessness.

Community Member Comments ended at 6:45 p.m.

## **OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Mayor Woodards expressed appreciation for the speakers who attended and provided comments, and addressed comments regarding crime, the City budget, mental health services, and homelessness.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli addressed comments regarding the homeless encampment near the Evergreen State College, and stated 188 shelter beds will be available before the end of the year, and there will be continued outreach efforts to offer shelter to as many individuals as possible.

Council Member Thoms expressed appreciation for the speakers who attended and provided comments, and addressed comments regarding crime and homelessness.

Council Member Hunter expressed appreciation for the speakers who attended and provided comments.

Council Member Ushka addressed comments regarding homelessness.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the Virtual Forum was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk