



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

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**July 14, 2020**

**12:00 PM**

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### Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:06 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 5 - Hines, Hunter, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 4 - Beale, Blocker, McCarthy and Thoms

Deputy Mayor Blocker arrived at 12:10 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

### Briefing Items

1. [20-0443](#) Continued Discussion on Proposed Resolution relating to the ICE Processing Center and COVID-19

At approximately 12:07 p.m., Mayor Woodards made introductory remarks and introduced Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager. Ms. Gallagher presented proposed changes to the resolution relating to the Northwest Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Processing Center and COVID-19, including language added.

Deputy Mayor Blocker arrived here, at 12:10 p.m.

Ms. Gallagher continued with proposed changes to the resolution, La Resistencia, and the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

Discussion ensued regarding public opinion, the power of the governing body, suggestions on wording, the City Council's responsibility versus power, communicating with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, equity in incarceration, individuals who have committed violent crimes versus those who committed non-violent crimes, and other ICE actions.

## Other Items of Interest

Mayor Woodards stated she will bring forward a resolution to amend the 2020 Council Appointments and remove the appointment for one position on the Hotel-Motel (Lodging) Tax Advisory Committee. She further stated that Council Member Walker will replace Council Member Beale in the Parks Policy Group (PPG), and summarized the purpose and activities of the PPG.

Discussion ensued regarding the Zoo Trek Authority and Council Member Walker possibly taking that appointment as well.

## Committee Reports

Council Member Hunter stated the Government Performance and Finance Committee had a meeting earlier this morning regarding Environmental Services rate increases that will be forwarded to the full City Council in the future.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

2. [20-0444](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, July 9, 2020

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated there are no ceremonials or expected changes to tonight's meeting agenda. She further stated that tonight's agenda includes Community Forum and that the public will have the chance to submit verbal comment. Mayor Woodards stated the Community Forum will be limited to 90 minutes, with each participant having 1-2 minutes to speak.

## Executive Session - Performance of a Public Employee

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to convene to an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee, not to exceed 10 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards  
**Absent:** 3 - Beale, McCarthy and Thoms

The study session convened to Executive Session at 12:50 p.m.

The Executive Session was extended by 15 minutes at 1:05 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded, and the study session reconvened at 1:13 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk