



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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January 04, 2022

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

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. [21-1267](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, July 22, 2021.
2. [21-1268](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, July 13, 2021.
3. [21-1260](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, August 11, 2021.
4. [21-1274](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, October 20, 2021.
5. [21-1275](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, November 17, 2021.
6. [21-1269](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, November 17, 2021.

7. [21-1262](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, November 1, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. [22-0005](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, July 27, 2021.
9. [22-0006](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, August 3, 2021.
10. [22-0002](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, August 24, 2021.
11. [22-0003](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, August 31, 2021.
12. [22-0009](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, September 14, 2021.
13. [22-0010](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, September 21, 2021.
14. [22-0011](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, September 28, 2021.
15. [22-0007](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole special meeting, September 21, 2021.
16. [22-0008](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole special meeting, October 5, 2021.
17. [22-0004](#) Minutes of the Virtual Forum, August 24, 2021.
18. [22-0012](#) Minutes of the Virtual Forum, September 28, 2021.

RESOLUTIONS

19. [RES40893](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a grant agreement and any associated term extensions with the Washington State Department of Ecology, in the amount of \$423,290.00, accepting and depositing said sum into the Surface Water Fund; and authorizing the expenditure of matching funds in the amount of \$141,096.67, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, for a cumulative total of \$564,386.67, to design and construct a stormwater treatment device in coordination with the Walters Road Utility and Pavement Improvement Project.
[John Burk, P.E., Science and Engineering Division Manager;
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

20. [ORD28784](#) An ordinance reclassifying three parcels of real property, totaling approximately 19,628 square feet, located at 8638, 8640, and 8642 "A" Street, from an R-2 Single-Family Dwelling District to an R-4-L Low-Density Multiple-Family Dwelling District, for the construction of seven to 13 units of housing.
(Trung Do's Goldsmith Services, Inc.; File No. LU21-0109)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40893 and final reading of Ordinance No. 28784.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40893 and final reading of Ordinance No. 28784. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comments were made from newly elected and re-elected Mayor and Council Members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:11 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michael Sullivan, speaking on Resolution No. 40898.
2. Carol Mitchell, speaking on Resolution No. 40898.
3. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution No. 40895.
4. Jason Gauthier, speaking on Resolution No. 40894.

Public Comment ended at 5:20 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

21. [RES40894](#) A resolution nominating and electing Council Member Catherine Ushka to the office of Deputy Mayor to serve a one-year term to expire December 31, 2022. [Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40894.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

22. [RES40895](#) A resolution appointing individuals to the Board of Ethics.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40895.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

23. [RES40896](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Planning Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40896.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

RESOLUTIONS

24. [RES40897](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Lease Agreement with the Board of Regents of the University of Washington, for the use of office and laboratory space in the Center for Urban Waters building located at 326 East “D” Street, for a period of 62 months, with the option to renew for two additional five-year periods.
[Susie Rogers, Senior Real Estate Officer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works; Michael P. Slevin, III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40897.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

25. [RES40898](#) A resolution designating the Henry J. and Nettie Craig Asberry House, located at 1219 South 13th Street, as a City Landmark and placing said property on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places.
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40898.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

26. [RES40899](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17, Tacoma Police Department Non-Commissioned Management Unit, regarding Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association participation.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40899.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

27. [RES40900](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the original Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Ethos Development LLC, for the development of 188 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 1402 Tacoma Avenue South, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center, to a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption, for 160 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40900.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

28. [RES40901](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Tac Build LLC, for the development of 46 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 211-213 North “I” Street, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40901.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

29. [ORD28801](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for employees represented by the Tacoma Police Union, Local 6, I.U.P.A.; the Tacoma Police Management Association, Local 26; and the Professional Public Safety Management Association. [Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28801 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided an update and expressed appreciation for City staffs efforts for taking care of the City and its residents during the recent holidays and snow storms, noting Public Works cleared areas around temporary shelter sites and provided salt to keep the sites safe and clear; Environmental Services placed additional garbage collection bins at the Lighthouse Activity Center (LAC) and altered the collection schedule to meet the increased need; the Tacoma Police Department responded to multiple requests for health and welfare checks for individuals in encampments; the Tacoma Fire Department assisted with assessing capacity for setting up the warming shelter at the LAC; the Media and

Communications Office assisted with updating information for the public about warming shelter sites, the City's emergency response, activation of the LAC, and road clearing efforts; the Tacoma Office of Emergency Management secured and delivered supplies of face masks, gloves, and hand sanitizers to the LAC; Tacoma Venues and Events engaged in conversations about alternative warming shelter sites and other potential needs; and Neighborhood and Community Services contacted all funded shelter sites to assess their needs and provided additional blankets, water, and other supplies. She concluded by stating City outreach workers along with outreach workers from the funded service providers and homeless advocates were in the field during the severe weather encouraging people to accept offers of shelter and other services; the LAC served 50 individuals since its activation on December 26, 2021; and the LAC will transition into a winter shelter as of January 7, 2022.

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 December 8, 2021, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Planning Commission; the January 12, 2022, meeting, has been cancelled; and the next meeting will be held on January 26, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom.

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Mayor Woodards stated that COVID-19 case rates are rising, visit tpchd.org/gettested to view registration links and to set appointments for COVID-19 testing, due to the high demand for testing it may take longer than normal to get the test and receive the results, Pierce County opened up a temporary drive through testing site at the Washington State Fair Gold Lot, community members can obtain free at home tests from local libraries or request a free test to be delivered from Seattle Coronavirus Assessment Network, and medical offices and pharmacies offer free testing. She concluded by encouraging everyone to get the vaccine and booster shot, wash their hands, wear their masks, social distance, and to quarantine and get tested if symptoms arise; and reminded everyone the quarantine guidelines have changed from 14 days to five days.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk