



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**September 29, 2020**

**5:00 PM**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

All Council Members participated virtually.

## **FLAG SALUTE**

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. [20-0632](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee special meeting, September 1, 2020.
2. [20-0634](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, September 9, 2020.
3. [20-0622](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, August 19, 2020.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

4. [RES40657](#) A resolution accepting a grant, in the amount of \$1,287,000, from the U.S. Economic Development Administration Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act supplemental fund, for the City's existing Revolving Loan Fund to address impacts of COVID-19 on small businesses. [Carol Wolfe, Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40657.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40657. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

### PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:09 p.m.

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

No individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:13 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to temporarily designate the regular, special, and study session meeting locations for the City Council and the regular and special meeting locations of the City’s Committees, Boards, and Commissions to be a “virtual” location, to comply with the Governor’s Emergency Proclamation until January 31, 2021, or earlier should the Council decide it can hold in-person meetings when Pierce County enters into Phase 3 of the Safe Start reopening program.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

## RESOLUTIONS

5.     [RES40658](#)     A resolution supporting responsible drone ownership through safe operation, and directing the City Manager to develop an education strategy to help connect residents to information on drone regulation and policies in Tacoma.  
[Council Members Hines and Hunter]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40658.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**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

## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

6. [20-0568](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the potential reauthorization and extension of the Tideflats Interim Regulations.  
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

The public hearing began at 5:19 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 64 written comments for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jessica Zimmerle, Earth Ministry.
2. Robb Krehbiel, resident.
3. Ingrid Archibald, Stand.earth.
4. Nikie Walters, resident.
5. Tony Ivey, Washington Environmental Council.
6. Jack Stevens, resident.
7. Yvonne McCarty, Northeast Tacoma Neighborhood Council.
8. Elly Claus-McGahan, resident.
9. Tiffany MacBain, resident.
10. Bradley Thompson, 350 Tacoma.
11. Liisa Pangborn, resident.
12. Ken Zirinsky, resident.
13. Marquis Mason, Citizens for a Healthy Bay.
14. Stacy Oaks, resident.
15. Nolan Hibbard-Pelly, resident.
16. Victoria Leistman, Sierra Club.
17. William Kupinse, resident.
18. Melissa Malott, resident.
19. Joe Hiss, resident.
20. Jamie Fiano, resident.
21. Marilyn Kimmerling, resident.
22. Kathy Lawhon, resident.
23. Frank Boykin, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber.
24. Courtney Stoker, resident.
25. Andrew Troske, U.S. Oil and Refining Co.
26. Lindsay Walker, resident.
27. Morgan Nova, resident.
28. Elle Grey, resident.
29. Mary Smith, resident.
30. Barbara Church, resident.
31. Oneida Arnold, resident.

The public hearing ended at 6:29 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli invited the community to view the transformation webpage at [cityoftacoma.org/transform](http://cityoftacoma.org/transform), and stated the weekly updates are posted under the City Manager updates near the bottom of the page.

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

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Thoms, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported at the July 21, 2020, special meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the Community and Economic Development Department's work since COVID-19 and ongoing and future economic recovery efforts; at the August 25, 2020, meeting, and the August 27, 2020, and September 1, 2020, special meetings, the Committee held interviews for the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board; and at the September 22, 2020, meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the Port of Tacoma Strategic Plan. He concluded by stating at today's meeting, the Committee received an update on COVID-19 and the City's response, recovery, and resilience efforts; and the next meeting will be held on October 13, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., through Zoom, and will include interviews for the City Events and Recognitions Committee.

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Council Member Beale addressed comments from the public hearing related to the climate emergency, existing fossil fuels, and the Tideflats Interim Regulations; and concluded by stating his vision is to fulfill the data requests that were proposed a year ago and to use that data study to help form the development of permanent regulations.

Council Member Hunter addressed comments from the public hearing in regards to the Tideflats Interim Regulations process, and spoke about the role of the Subarea Plan, and encouraged for anyone interested in getting involved with or to receive information on the Subarea Plan, to do a search of "City of Tacoma Tideflats Subarea Plan" to find a webpage with more information. She concluded by encouraging everyone to start engaging, promoting, and working with the City, which could help the City motivate all of the stakeholders in working collaboratively and moving the Subarea Plan.

Council Member Hines thanked attendees for participating in the

public hearing and informed everyone that a Town Hall will be held on October 7, 2020, regarding the proposed 6th Avenue and Orchard Street micro-shelter site and for anyone interested to email him directly or participate in the Town Hall.

Council Member Thoms thanked attendees for comments and stated that he hopes the Subarea Plan process will be completed within 24 months, and that he supports funding the baseline data project to help inform the Tideflats Interim Regulations. He concluded by honoring Tacoma resident Mr. Aaron Grissom, who recently passed away, and shared memories of Mr. Grissom.

Mayor Woodards informed everyone that the public viewing for former Mayor Harold Moss will be at Mountain View Funeral Home on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., and anyone interested in attending the service should email [mayorharoldmoss@gmail.com](mailto:mayorharoldmoss@gmail.com). She concluded by stating COVID-19 is still here and that Tacoma and Pierce County continue to do an amazing job at keeping case counts down and asked everyone to wash their hands, social distance, and wear their masks.

## ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk