



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

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**December 08, 2020**

**12:00 PM**

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### Call to Order

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

### Roll Call

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

All Council Members participated virtually.

The study session recessed at 12:07 p.m.

The study session reconvened at 12:16 p.m.

### Briefing Items

1. [20-0947](#) Tacoma Police Chief Finalist Presentations and Interviews

At approximately 12:16 p.m., Shelby Fritz, Assistant Director, Human Resources, provided opening remarks. Mayor Woodards provided an overview of the interview process.

The City Council interviewed Mike Ake, Jason Lando, Michelle Bennett, Dwayne Joseph, Von Narcisse, and Wendell Shirley.

### Other Items of Interest

2. [20-0949](#) Options for 2021 City Council Cancelled Meetings

Mayor Woodards presented the proposed dates for the 2021 City Council cancelled meetings.

### Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

### 3. [20-0948](#) Weekly Report to the Mayor and City Council, December 3, 2020

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated the transformation update would be posted online. She further stated there are no ceremonials on tonight's agenda, and three expected changes, including a motion for a settlement of claims against the City, a resolution brought forward by Mayor Woodards and Council Member Ushka regarding public health services, and an amendment to Ordinance No. 28724 proposed by Council Member Hines.

Council Member Hines explained that his proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 28724 is in response to requests from homeowners in node No. 2 and node No. 4 to be removed from the 20-foot change to the View Sensitive Overlay.

Council Member Ushka stated the resolution she is bringing forward with Mayor Woodards would declare the City Council's opposition to Pierce County Ordinance No. 2020-136, which would dissolve the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department Interlocal Agreement.

Discussion ensued regarding the timeline of the decision process, instigating dialogue with the Health Department, possible outcomes of the City Council's ordinance, and possible outcomes of the City Council resolution.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending and potential litigation, not to exceed 30 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

**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

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 2:52 p.m.  
City Attorney Bill Fosbre was present.

The Executive Session concluded, and the study session reconvened, at 3:20 p.m.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to convene to a Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a and b) to discuss labor negotiations, not to exceed 30 minutes.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

**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

## **Adjournment**

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

The Closed Session was held after adjournment of the study session.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk