



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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March 30, 2021

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Council Member Thoms arrived at 5:02 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

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Council Member Thoms arrived here, at 5:02 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Beale 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 Council Member Beale.

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. [21-0308](#) Amended minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, December 9, 2020.
2. [21-0309](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, February 24, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

3. [ORD28749](#) (First and Final Reading) An ordinance providing for the formation of Local Improvement District No. 8663, establishing upgraded permanent street pavement with a structural section, together with the installation of concrete curbs, gutters, surface water mains, and surface water catch basins, on the following streets: North 43rd Street, from Frace Avenue to Lexington Street, also Lexington Street, from North 43rd Street to North 45th Street; Mullen Street, from North 48th Street north to the dead end; Mullen Street, from North 47th Street to North 48th Street; and the alley between Mullen Street and Ferdinand Street, from North 36th Street to North 37th Street.
[Ralph Rodriguez, LID Administrator; Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

4. [ORD28750](#) An ordinance vacating a five-foot wide strip of air rights over a westerly portion of Tacoma Avenue South, lying south of South 14th Street, to facilitate design options for a residential apartment building.
(1402 Tacoma LLC; File No. 124.1422)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]
5. [ORD28751](#) An ordinance vacating the alley right-of-way lying between South 11th and South 12th Streets, and Martin Luther King Jr. Way and South “J” Street, to facilitate a mixed-use development of affordable housing, office, and small business space.
(Forterra Hilltop East LLC and Forterra Hilltop West LLC; File No. 124.1409)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]
6. [ORD28752](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of South Stevens Street and South Mason Avenue extension, lying north of South 19th Street and east of improved South Stevens Street, to facilitate expanded surface yard uses of its adjacent property.
(True Vine Senior Citizens Center; File No. 124.1423)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including first and final reading of Ordinance No. 28749 and first reading of Ordinance Nos. 28750 through 28752.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance Nos. 28749 through 28752.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Abstain: 2 - Hunter and McCarthy

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including first and final reading of Ordinance No. 28749, and setting Ordinance Nos. 28750 through 28752 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Abstain: 2 - Hunter and McCarthy

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:05 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28747, regarding House Bill 1590.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jason Gauthier, speaking on Ordinance No. 28747.
2. Tony Yuchasz, speaking on Ordinance No. 28747.
3. Michael Mirra, speaking on Ordinance No. 28747.
4. Judy Olsen, speaking on Ordinance No. 28747.
5. Amanda DeShazo, speaking on Ordinance No. 28747.
6. Devin Rydel Kelly, speaking on Ordinance No. 28747.
7. Lester Pogue Jr., speaking on Ordinance No. 28747.

Public Comment ended at 5:20 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES40764](#) A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the sale of approximately 4,225 square feet of Tacoma Power property, together with certain landscaping improvements, located in the Graham vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County, to Pierce County, for the amount of \$17,450.
[Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40764.

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

8. [RES40765](#) A resolution continuing the Downtown Tacoma Partnership (DTP), formerly known as the Business Improvement Area, for the 34th year, providing for levy assessments and other income, in the amount of \$1,492,780; and approving the renewed DTP annual work plan and budget, and assessment of rates from May 1, 2021, through April 30, 2022.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40765.

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

9. [RES40766](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Local Development Council of Tacoma, d.b.a. the Downtown Tacoma Partnership (DTP), formerly known as the Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$1,492,780, budgeted from the Downtown Business Improvement Area Fund, to provide administration services for DTP operations, as set forth in the 2021-2022 DTP annual work plan and budget.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40766.

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

10. [RES40767](#) (Continued from the meeting of March 30, 2021) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of \$25,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, for the purpose of supporting gun violence prevention efforts in the City; and directing the City Manager to negotiate and execute agreements with a facilitator, to convene workgroups to determine best practices for funding gun violence prevention efforts, and a research team, to review best practices to address gun and youth violence reduction.
[Council Member Ushka]

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to continue Resolution No. 40767 to the meeting of April 6, 2021, with a discussion at the study session on the same day.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

11. [ORD28747](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.70 of the Municipal Code, relating to Local Option Taxes, by adding Section 6A.70.041 entitled “Additional sales or use tax for housing and related services - Imposition” and Section 6A.70.042 entitled “Additional sales or use tax for housing and related services - Rate,” and amending Section 6A.70.120 relating to “Administration and collection of taxes” to authorize the maximum capacity of the tax authorized under the provisions of House Bill 1590 for housing and related services.
[Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28747.

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

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[Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Substitute Ordinance No. 28747.

The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

12. ORD28748 An ordinance amending Chapter 11.05 of the Municipal Code, relating to Model Traffic Ordinance, by adding a new Section 11.05.132, entitled “Unlawful exhibition of speed prohibited” relating to illegal speed exhibition activities within the City limits; and directing the City Manager to collect data on the enforcement of this ordinance and to present findings and recommendations to the City Council on the effectiveness of this ordinance, with a focus on racial equity, no later than six months after implementation by the Tacoma Police Department. [Council Member Hunter]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28748.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

There was no report.

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Mayor Woodards announced that COVID-19 cases are rising in Washington State; people still need to be vaccinated; and encouraged everyone to continue wearing their masks, social distance, wash their hands, and limit gatherings.

ADJOURNMENT

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V. Woodards", written over a horizontal line.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doris Sorum", written over a horizontal line.

Doris Sorum, City Clerk