



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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December 01, 2020

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Hunter 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 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. [20-0911](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, November 10, 2020.
2. [20-0909](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, November 9, 2020.
3. [20-0910](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, October 21, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

ASSESSMENT ROLLS

4. [20-0852](#) The Director of Public Works presents the Assessment Roll for the following:
LID No. 8643

Placement of permanent pavement, together with installation of concrete curbs and gutters, and storm drain lines with storm water catch basins where needed on:

- Union Avenue from North 24th Street to North 25th Street - (northbound).
- Washington Street from North 16th Street to North 18th Street.
- Wapato Street from South 50th Street to South 51st Street.
- Huson Street from South 64th Street to South 66th Street.

Setting Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner.

[Ralph Rodriguez, LID Administrator; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda. 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 5:03 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 32 written comments for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28724, regarding the establishment of a View Sensitive Overlay District.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Karen Kelly, speaking on Ordinance No. 28724.
2. Mike Fleming, speaking on Ordinance No. 28724.
3. Joseph Quilici, speaking on Ordinance No. 28724.
4. Norinda Yancey, speaking on Resolution No. 40707.
5. Marvin Vialle, speaking on Ordinance No. 28724.
6. Les Pogue, speaking on Ordinance No. 28724.
7. Karen Bolland, speaking on Ordinance No. 28724.
8. Tom Rickey, speaking on Ordinance No. 28724.
9. Jim Schock, speaking on Ordinance No. 28724.
10. Lori Grassi, speaking on Ordinance No. 28724.
11. Beth Johnson, speaking on Ordinance No. 28724.

Public Comment ended at 5:28 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

5. [RES40698](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40698.

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

6. [RES40699](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Tacoma Arts Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40699.

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

RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES40700](#) A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the execution of a Quitclaim Deed to convey vacant undeveloped property adjacent to the Tacoma Rescue Mission property, located at 425 South Tacoma Way, to the Tacoma Rescue Mission, for parking lot development and improvement.
[Ronda Van Allen, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40700.

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. [RES40701](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce County, in an amount not to exceed \$2,798,849, budgeted from the General Fund, to extend the jail services agreement for one year, through December 31, 2021.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40701.

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. [RES40702](#)

A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Firefighters Union, Local 31, to provide a retention incentive for employees to voluntarily delay retirement until the second half of 2021 in order to assist with Basic Life Support services staffing.

[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40702.

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. [RES40703](#)

A resolution authorizing the execution of a Transfer Agreement for the Foss Waterway Parks, from the Foss Waterway Development Authority to the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma.

[Pat Beard, Business Development Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40703.

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

11. [RES40704](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with CR Chelsea Heights Communities LLC, for the development of 19 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 603 South “J” Street, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40704.

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

12. [RES40705](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Donyelle Frazier, for the development of eight multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 2518 Fawcett Avenue, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40705.

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

13. [RES40706](#) A resolution adopting the priority issues for the 2021 sessions of the United States Congress and Washington State Legislature.
[Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager; Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40706.

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

14. [RES40707](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Mayors for a Guaranteed Income and United Way of Pierce County granting \$100,000 in starter funds to the United Way of Pierce County, to assist with launching a guaranteed income demonstration or to launch a task force to explore the viability of, and build support for, guaranteed income in Tacoma, effective December 8, 2020, through December 31, 2021.
[Council Member Walker]

MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 40707.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka and Walker

Recused: 1 - Mayor Woodards

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

15. [ORD28720](#) 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 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Water Division Unit, for a new classification entitled Water Systems Operations Supervisor.
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28720. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

16. [ORD28721](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for represented and non-represented classifications and classification changes to reflect the organizational structure.
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28721 was set over for final reading next week.

17. [ORD28722](#) An ordinance modifying the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget to appropriate funds for additional changes in transfers and other budget adjustments as well as appropriating additional estimated revenues.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28722 was set over for final reading next week.

18. [ORD28723](#) An ordinance amending the Heidelberg-Davis site, located in the vicinity of South 19th Street and South Tyler Street, from a Parks and Open Space land use designation to a Major Institutional Campus designation, as part of the 2020 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code, effective January 1, 2021.
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28723 was set over for final reading next week.

19. [ORD28724](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Zoning, by amending Section 13.06.070, entitled “Overlay Districts”, to establish a View Sensitive Overlay District - 20, with a 20-foot building height limit, and an area-wide rezone for specified areas within the View Sensitive Overlay District, as part of the 2020 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Use Regulatory Code, effective January 1, 2021.
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28724 was set over for final reading next week.

20. [ORD28725](#) An ordinance amending Title 13 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Land Use Regulatory Code, by amending various chapters to adopt the minor plan and code amendments as part of the 2020 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code, effective January 1, 2021.
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28725 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli invited Council Members and community members to hear a question and answer session with the Police Chief finalists on Monday, December 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., and stated the link to the session can be found at cityoftacoma.org under the Police Chief recruitment webpage.

Mayor Woodards expressed that a big step for transformation is selecting the next Police Chief and encouraged everyone to tune into the session and submit their comments through a link on the webpage.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Hunter, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported the Committee has not met since her last report to the City Council and the next Committee meeting will be held on December 15, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., through Zoom, and will include a presentation on the Human Resources' internal internship program.

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Council Member Ushka announced that Mayor Woodards has been elected as the Second Vice President of the National League of Cities and thanked her for her leadership.

Mayor Woodards stated that COVID-19 cases are rising, and asked everyone to social distance, wash their hands, and wear their masks. She concluded by encouraging everyone to support or continue supporting local restaurants and small businesses.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk