



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**July 28, 2020**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

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. [20-0469](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, July 8, 2020.
2. [20-0468](#) Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma Annual Report.

## CONSENT AGENDA

3. [20-0471](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, June 2, 2020.
4. [20-0472](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, June 4, 2020.
5. [20-0473](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, June 5, 2020.

**RESOLUTIONS**

6. [RES40631](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, August 18, 2020, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amended for the years 2020 and 2021-2026.  
[Jennifer Kammerzell, Principal Engineer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]
7. [RES40632](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a grant agreement and accepting \$518,521 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act supplemental funding, from the United States Department of Commerce-Minority Business Development Agency, for educating, training, and advising minority business enterprises.  
[Linda Womack, Supervisor; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

8. [ORD28684](#) An ordinance vacating a dead-end segment of East “T” Street, also referenced as East “R” Street and formerly known as Dayton Street, south of the existing driveway to Lister Elementary School, to be incorporated into the adjacent park property as a private entrance and for other use with park enhancements and improvements. (Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma; File No. 124.1412)  
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40631 and 40632 and first reading of Ordinance No. 28684.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28684.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

**ACTION:** Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40631 and 40632 and setting Ordinance No. 28684 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:05 p.m.

Public Comment ended at 5:07 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comment for Public Comment; and eight written comments regarding housing and homelessness, the Tacoma Police Department, the Northwest ICE Processing Center, and the Rental Assistance Program.

## **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 September 30, 2020, 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:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES40633](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Lease Agreement with DAJOBAR, LLC, in the amount of \$466,529.74, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for the use of a facility located at 2336 - 2342 Court "E", for the storage of bagged TAGRO products, for a five-year period.  
[Susie Rogers, Senior Real Estate Officer; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40633.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

10. [RES40634](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of Letters of Agreement with the Tacoma Joint Labor Committee; Professional Public Safety Managers Association; and the Tacoma Police Management Association, Local 26; to establish parameters for the implementation of the "Rebound" pilot program, for a period of 12 months. [Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager, Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40634.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to amend Resolution No. 40634 on page 1, lines 3 and 10, and on page 2, lines 11 and 12, to remove the words "and the" before "Tacoma Police Management Association, Local 26" and add the following words: "and the Tacoma Police Union, I.U.P.A., Local 6" at the end of the paragraphs.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to amend Resolution No. 40634. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution, as amended, was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

11. [ORD28682](#) An ordinance declaring the public necessity for and providing for the acquisition by the City of Tacoma by eminent domain of certain properties located along East Portland Avenue, to construct street improvements and related facilities within the City; and declaring an emergency, making necessary the passage of this ordinance and it becoming effective immediately upon passage. [Ronda Van Allen, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28682.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Substitute Ordinance No. 28682. The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

12. [ORD28683](#) An ordinance authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with RockTenn, CP LLC, d.b.a. WestRock CP LLC, to extend the agreement for an initial period of one year, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods. [Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent; Jackie Flowers, Director, Tacoma Public Utilities]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28683.**

**The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli announced that at today's study session there was the first of what will be a weekly discussion on systems transformation efforts that relates to Resolution No. 40622, adopted on June 30, 2020, with today's focus on the format for reporting out weekly to City Council and the public. She further announced that a transformation webpage will be launched on Monday, August 3, 2020, and will include links to the study session presentations for those who cannot attend.

Mayor Woodards provided additional information regarding the transformation webpage, including the layout of the tool being used, the communities' ability to engage, and the City's progress in transformation work.

## COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

There were no standing committee reports given.

Council Member Thoms announced that the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center extended their lease for five years at the current location and thanked Craig Roberts and the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center staff, partners, and board, for ensuring domestic violence issues continue to receive the attention and services that are provided to the community during COVID-19.

Mayor Woodards announced that Governor Jay Inslee acknowledged the continuing economic impacts of COVID-19 and has extended the eviction moratorium through October 15, 2020, and that the extension also called for the creation of a work group to help inform potential short- and long-term changes to the moratorium if needed.

Mayor Woodards further announced that the Tacoma Venues and Events Department launched a new webpage during COVID-19 called Uplift Tacoma, which is a multimedia platform designed to provide residents a means of connection, inspiration, and support in an unprecedented time of physical distancing.

Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that Primary Election Day is Tuesday, August 4, 2020. She further encouraged everyone to continue to complete the 2020 Census form.

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to excuse Council Member Ushka from the meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

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Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that COVID-19 cases are still rising in Tacoma and Pierce County, and asked everyone to wear their mask, wash their hands, and social distance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

  
Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

  
Doris Sorum, City Clerk