



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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January 12, 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, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Hines

Council Member Hines arrived at 5:03 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Walker 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 Walker.

Council Member Hines arrived here, at 5:03 p.m.

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. [21-0036](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee special meeting, September 30, 2020.
2. [21-0037](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, October 20, 2020.
3. [21-0038](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, November 3, 2020.

4. [21-0039](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, December 15, 2020.
5. [21-0035](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, December 14, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. [21-0047](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, December 23, 2020.
7. [21-0048](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, December 28, 2020.

RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES40725](#) A resolution setting Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner, which was previously granted a continuance by the Hearing Examiner, on the request to vacate a portion of 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 an affordable market housing, office, and small business space.
(Forterra Hilltop East, LLC and Forterra Hilltop West, LLC; File No.124.1409)
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]
9. [RES40726](#) A resolution setting Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate that portion of South Mason Avenue, lying north of South 19th Street, abutting 1819 South Mason Avenue, for expanded yard use.
(True Vine Senior Citizens Center; File No. 124.1423)
[Ronda Van Allen, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]
10. [RES40727](#) A resolution amending Resolution No. 40719, to change the date of the public hearing by the Hearing Examiner to Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., relating to the request to vacate the air rights over a westerly portion of Tacoma Avenue South, lying southerly of South 14th Street, to facilitate design variability on a residential building project.
(1402 Tacoma, LLC; File No. 124.1422)
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40725 through 40730, first and final reading of Ordinance No. 28731, and first reading of Ordinance No. 28732.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance Nos. 28731 and 28732.

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

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40725 through 40730, first and final reading of Ordinance No. 28731, and setting Ordinance No. 28732 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

17. [21-0045](#) Proclaiming January 2021 as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed January 2021 as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month and presented the proclamation to Kyra Doubek, Executive Director and Survivor Leader, Washington Trafficking Prevention.

16. [21-0046](#) Proclaiming January 18, 2021, as Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Monday, January 18, 2021, as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and presented the proclamation to Adela Schoolderman, Member, City Events and Recognitions Committee.

21-0078

A statement from the Tacoma City Council on recent events in National and State Capitols.

Mayor Woodards read a statement from the City Council regarding recent events in National and State Capitols.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 21, Ordinance No. 28729, and Item 22, Ordinance No. 28730, at this time.

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

21. ORD28729

An ordinance amending Chapters 2.02 and 2.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Building and Plumbing Codes, to repeal existing sections and incorporate new provisions to align with Washington State adoption of changes to state building codes, effective February 1, 2021.

[Susan Coffman, Building Official; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to continue the final reading of Ordinance No. 28729 to the meeting of January 26, 2021.

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

22. [ORD28730](#) An ordinance amending Chapters 3.02 and 3.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Fire Prevention Code and Mobile Fueling Operating and Permitting Requirements, to adopt the 2018 International Fire Code, along with state and local amendments, effective February 1, 2021.

[Chris Seaman, Senior Principal Engineer; Toryono Green, Fire Chief]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to continue the final reading of Ordinance No. 28730 to the meeting of January 26, 2021.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:42 p.m.

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

No individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:44 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

18. [RES40731](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Professional Public Safety Management Association, regarding Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association eligibility requirements for the year 2021.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40731.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

19. [RES40732](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development projects, to incorporate \$1,372,676 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Community Development Block Grant funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus.
[Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40732.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

20. [ORD28728](#) 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 Tacoma Police Management Association, Local 26.
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28728.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

21. [ORD28729](#) An ordinance amending Chapters 2.02 and 2.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Building and Plumbing Codes, to repeal existing sections and incorporate new provisions to align with Washington State adoption of changes to state building codes, effective February 1, 2021.
[Susan Coffman, Building Official; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

Ordinance No. 28729 was continued to the meeting of January 26, 2021, earlier in the meeting.

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[Chris Seaman, Senior Principal Engineer; Toryono Green, Fire Chief]

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- 23. [ORD28733](#) (First and Final Reading) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.08 of the Municipal Code, relating to Wastewater and Surface Water Management - Regulation and Rates, to correct 2021 and 2022 rates and charges for the discharge of septic holding tank contents, to remain at 2020 levels for each of the years 2021 and 2022, retroactive to January 1, 2021; and declaring an emergency, making necessary the passage of this ordinance, and its becoming effective immediately.
[Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28733.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 5:54 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 6:00 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received four written comments for Community Forum, regarding a warming shelter and the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Program.

Speaking before the City Council:

- 1. Jim Carey, regarding the Center at Norpoint.

Council Member Thoms announced the City will be hosting a webinar about the potential temporary warming shelter at the Center at Norpoint on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., where the public is invited to attend and ask questions. He concluded by stating details about how to access the webinar will be posted on the City's webpage and shared on social media.

- 2. Gerrit Nyland, regarding the Center at Norpoint.
- 3. Kit Burns, regarding AMI.
- 4. Lori Miller, regarding the Center at Norpoint.
- 5. Maureen Croft, regarding the Center at Norpoint.

- 6. Les Pogue Jr., regarding recent events at National and State Capitols and the Center at Norpoint.
- 7. Mary Icamina, regarding the Center at Norpoint.
- 8. Yvonne McCarty, regarding the Center at Norpoint.
- 9. Sean Whalen, regarding the Center at Norpoint.
- 10. Theresa Power-Drutis, regarding the Center at Norpoint.
- 11. Beth Barnett, regarding the Center at Norpoint.
- 12. Hany Sidhom, regarding the Center at Norpoint.
- 13. Jessie Johanson, regarding the Center at Norpoint.
- 14. Jim West, regarding the Center at Norpoint.
- 15. Matt Penrose, regarding the Center at Norpoint.
- 16. Josef Barlow-Farrar, regarding the Center at Norpoint.
- 17. Resident, regarding the Center at Norpoint.
- 18. Gerard Gray, regarding the Center at Norpoint.
- 19. Resident, regarding the Center at Norpoint.
- 20. Ken M., regarding the Center at Norpoint.

Community Forum ended at 6:42 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli informed the public they can email their questions regarding the potential temporary shelter at the Center at Norpoint directly to her at epauli@cityoftacoma.org.

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 at the December 15, 2020, meeting, the Committee heard a presentation on the Internship Improvement Team; at the January 5, 2021, meeting, the Committee elected the Chair and Vice Chair and recommended the reappointment of Jeff Ball to the Audit Advisory Board; and the January 19, 2021, meeting, has been cancelled. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., through Zoom, and will include an update on the Continuous Improvement Program.

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Council Member Thoms addressed questions and comments from Community Forum regarding the potential temporary warming shelter at the Center at Norpoint and stated it is important to hold the webinar so the questions that have been asked can be answered.

Council Member Ushka addressed questions and comments from Community Forum regarding the potential temporary warming shelter at the Center at Norpoint and stated she will follow up with staff on concerns raised about the Eastside Community Center.

Council Member Hunter thanked everyone who reached out through email and attendees who provided comment about the potential temporary warming shelter at the Center at Norpoint and addressed questions and comments received from Community Forum.

Council Member Hines thanked attendees for comments about the potential temporary warming shelter at the Center at Norpoint and addressed concerns raised from Community Forum.

Mayor Woodards announced that COVID-19 is still here; a new Phase 1 began on Monday, January 11, 2021; asked everyone to wear their masks, wash their hands, and to be safe; and encouraged everyone to view the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department website at tpchd.org to find information on upcoming opportunities for vaccines and the free mobile testing sites. She concluded by reminding everyone the Tuesday, January 19, 2021, City Council study session and business meeting have been cancelled, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is on Monday, January 18, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk