



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**March 16, 2021**

**5:00 PM**

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## 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 5:02 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

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

## 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.

## 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. [21-0257](#) Minutes of the Community's Police Advisory Committee special meeting, February 6, 2021.
2. [21-0258](#) Minutes of the Community's Police Advisory Committee, February 8, 2021.
3. [21-0260](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, December 8, 2020.

4. [21-0252](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, January 13, 2021.
5. [21-0253](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, February 10, 2021.
6. [21-0250](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, February 8, 2021.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

7. [21-0241](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, February 2, 2021.
8. [21-0256](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, February 2, 2021.

## **FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

9. [ORD28743](#) (First and Final Reading) An ordinance providing for the formation of Local Improvement District No. 8667, establishing a grade and placing thereon upgraded permanent street pavement with a structural section, together with the installation of concrete curbs, gutters, surface water mains, and surface water catch basins, where needed on Ruby Street, from Baltimore Street to Shirley Street; and on Mullen Street, from North 46th Street to North 47th Street.  
[Ralph Rodriguez, LID Administrator; Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

## **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

10. [ORD28744](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of South 37th Street and South Union Avenue off-ramp, lying west of South Tacoma Way, to be incorporated into the abutting parcel for future business expansion and development potential.  
(Chandler Investment I, LLC; File No. 124.1408)  
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including first and final reading of Ordinance No. 28743 and first reading of Ordinance No. 28744.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance Nos. 28743 and 28744.**

**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 first and final reading of Ordinance No. 28743, and setting Ordinance No. 28744 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**

11. [21-0255](#) Proclaiming March 2021 as Women’s History Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed March 2021 as Women’s History Month and presented the proclamation to Kacee Woods, Training and Apprenticeship Analyst, Power Division; Jessica Knickerbocker, Project Delivery Manager, Water Division; and Olivia Mathison, Associate Engineer, Environmental Services.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:18 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received no written comments for Public Comment.

No individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:18 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

12. [RES40759](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a loan agreement and any associated term extensions with the Washington State Department of Ecology, for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan, in the amount of \$3,097,083; and accepting and depositing said sum into the Wastewater Fund, to provide 49 percent of the funding to reimburse costs spent on the planning and design phases of the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Distribution System Replacement Project.  
[John Burk, P.E., Science and Engineering Division Manager;  
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40759.**

**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

### FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

13. [ORD28742](#) 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, Supervisors' Unit.  
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28742.**

**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**

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli shared that the Salvation Army, located at 1110 South Puget Sound Avenue, has been used as a temporary warming shelter since January 28, 2021, serves single men, has a capacity of 30 with overflow beds, and has served an average of 31 individuals; and stated that although this warming shelter was scheduled to close March 31, 2021, an agreement has been reached to extend operations through April 30, 2021; City staff will conduct outreach in the surrounding area the week of March 22, 2021, to notify neighbors of the extension, and to work with service providers; and that the extension will provide continued access to the warming shelter as the City explores longer term warming shelter options.

**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 March 2, 2021, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the City's insurance program and on the Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Agreement with the City of Ruston; and at today's joint meeting with the Audit Advisory Board, the Committee received a presentation on the State Auditor's Office 2019 Exit Conference and 2020 Entrance Conference. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on April 6, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., through Zoom, and will include a presentation on the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project.

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Council Member Walker expressed appreciation for the Salvation Army temporary warming shelter.

Council Member Thoms expressed appreciation for Tacoma Public Utilities hosting a tour of the Tacoma Dome District to review challenges the District is facing, including the need for more trash cans and graffiti removal; he further welcomed the shipbuilding company SAFE Boats International back to the Port of Tacoma, which represents an increase of 75 jobs.

Mayor Woodards stated that COVID-19 is still here, Pierce County is moving to Phase 3, and encouraged everyone to go to the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD) website or to call the TPCHD to sign up for the vaccine as the next eligibility level is opening up this week.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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

Doris Sorum, City Clerk