



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**August 03, 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:** 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - Hunter and Thoms

All Council Members participated virtually.

## 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. [21-0741](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, March 9, 2021.
2. [21-0742](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, March 23, 2021.
3. [21-0743](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, March 30, 2021.
4. [21-0714](#) Minutes of the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board special meeting, April 29, 2021.
5. [21-0736](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, May 26, 2021.

6. [21-0737](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, May 19, 2021.
7. [21-0738](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, June 16, 2021.

## CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items.

## 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 no written comment for Public Comment.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Item No. 21-0754.

Public Comment ended at 5:07 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

8. [21-0754](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all remaining claims against the City in the matter of Gregory Christopher, Arthur C. Banks, Toney Montgomery, and Whitney Brady v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 16-2-05416-7, relating to a public records request, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$75,000.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all remaining claims against the City in the matter of Gregory Christopher, Arthur C. Banks, Toney Montgomery, and Whitney Brady v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 16-2-05416-7, relating to a public records request, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$75,000.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Hunter and Thoms

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to confirm the Mayor's Second Amended Emergency Rule No. 1, setting the maximum occupancy of the Council Chambers, not including Council and staff, at 72 persons issued pursuant to City of Tacoma's August 10, 2021, Proclamation of Emergency.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Hunter and Thoms

**RESOLUTIONS**

- 9. [RES40818](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Mayors for a Guaranteed Income and United Way of Pierce County, establishing the requirements and confirming acceptance of \$500,000 in additional funding for a Guaranteed Income Demonstration in the City.  
[Council Member Walker]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40818.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

**Absent:** 2 - Hunter and Thoms

**Recused:** 1 - Mayor Woodards

10. [RES40819](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of \$5,500, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, for the purpose of supporting the general market operations of the Eastside Tacoma Farmers Market.  
[Council Member Walker]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40819.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Hunter and Thoms

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

11. [ORD28772](#) An ordinance authorizing the extension of and amendments to the Electric System Subordinate Revenue Note, Series 2020 (Taxable); authorizing an amendment to the related Note Purchase Agreement; and delegating the authority to approve the final terms of the amendment.  
[Bill Berry, Power Section Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28772.**

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Hunter and Thoms

12. [ORD28773](#) An amended ordinance providing for the issuance of one or more series of Electric System Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$320,000,000 to provide funds to finance and refinance capital improvements to the Electric System, and delegating the authority to approve the final terms of the bonds.  
[Bill Berry, Power Section Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Amended Ordinance No. 28773.**

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Hunter and Thoms

- 13. [ORD28774](#) An ordinance authorizing the issuance of an Electric System Subordinate Revenue Note, Series 2021, in the principal amount of not to exceed \$150,000,000 to evidence a revolving line of credit to provide funds to finance and refinance capital improvements to the Electric System; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Note Purchase Agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association in connection with the issuance of the 2021 Note; and delegating the authority to approve the final terms of the 2021 Note.  
[Bill Berry, Power Section Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28774.**

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Hunter and Thoms

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli informed the Council Members they received a list of National Night Out activities and invited the Council Members and community to participate in the events. She concluded by stating the City of Tacoma received the United Way Public Campaign of the Year award.

**COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Ushka, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the July 22, 2021, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the American Rescue Plan Act spending, body worn and dash cameras, and the eviction moratorium; and the next meeting will be held on August 12, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include interviews for the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, and presentations on the Neighborhood and Community Services mid-year report and just cause evictions.

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Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that tonight is National Night Out and is also Primary Election Day.

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to excuse Council Members Hunter and Thoms from the meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Hunter and Thoms

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Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that due to the increase in COVID-19 cases, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and State and local health departments have recommended that people wear masks indoors when vaccination status is unknown. She continued by encouraging everyone to get the vaccination, stated COVID-19 case counts are rising, with cases being higher in locations where vaccination rates are low; and reviewed vaccination information provided by the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

  
Doris Sorum, City Clerk