



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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October 20, 2020

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

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. [20-0723](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, September 23, 2020.
2. [20-0700](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, September 14, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

3. [RES40673](#) A resolution setting Monday, November 9, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner to consider Local Improvement District No. 8663, for permanent alley and/or street pavement at the following locations: North 43rd Street from Frace Avenue to Lexington Street, also Lexington Street from North 43rd Street to North 45th Street; Mullen Street from North 48th Street north to the dead end; Mullen Street from North 47th Street to North 48th Street; and in the alley between Mullen Street and Ferdinand Street, from North 36th Street to North 37th Street. [Ralph Rodriguez, LID Administrator; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

4. [RES40674](#) A resolution accepting a grant from the Department of Justice 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Juvenile Justice Assistance, in the amount of \$268,680, equally split with Pierce County, for Body Worn Cameras and docking stations for the Tacoma Police Department, retroactive to October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2023. [Vicky McLaurin, Community Services Manager; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

5. [RES40675](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), committing the City to provide an additional \$200,000 in future funding, to assist WSDOT in securing federal grants to incorporate additional trail components into the estimated \$2 billion Puget Sound Gateway Program - State Route 167 and State Route 509 Completion projects. [Josh Diekmann, P.E., Assistant Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40673 through 40675.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40673 through 40675. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. [20-0721](#) Proclaiming October 2020 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 2020 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Ms. Nola Renz, Executive Director, Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities, and Mr. Todd Holloway, Chair, Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities.

7. [20-0720](#) Proclaiming October 2020 as Safe Infant Sleep Awareness Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 2020 as Safe Infant Sleep Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Ms. Johanna Wolf, Health Promotion Coordinator III, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department; Erin Summa, Health Promotion Coordinator, Center for Childhood Safety at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital; and Aileen Carrell, Director, Northwest Infant Survival and SIDS Alliance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:24 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 43 written comments for Public Comment, on Resolution No. 40676, regarding the Lease Agreement with First Christian Church; Resolution No. 40677, regarding the amendment to the agreement with the Low Income Housing Institute; Ordinance No. 28694, regarding pay and compensation for police staff; and Ordinance No. 28696, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Annemarie Dooley, speaking on Ordinance No. 28696.
2. Carolyn Reed, speaking on Resolution No. 40676.
3. Barbara Blaisdell, speaking on Resolution No. 40676.
4. Barb Shivers, speaking on Resolution No. 40676.
5. Neal Anderson, speaking on Ordinance No. 28696.
6. Devin Rydel Kelly, speaking on Resolution No. 40676.
7. Ed Jacobs, speaking on Resolution No. 40676.
8. Marilyn Kimmerling, speaking on Resolution No. 40676 and Ordinance No. 28696.
9. Anna Doty, speaking on Ordinance No. 28696.
10. Joe Izenman, speaking on Resolution No. 40676.
11. Resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40676.
12. Marquis King Mason, speaking on Ordinance No. 28696.

13. Kathleen Kelley, speaking on Resolution No. 40676.
14. Nolan Hibbard Pelly, speaking on Resolution No. 40676 and Ordinance No. 28696.
15. Nikie Walters, speaking on Resolution No. 40676 and Ordinance No. 28696.
16. Les Pogue Jr., speaking on Ordinance No. 28696.
17. Sharon Lee, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40676 and 40677.
18. Blair Englebrecht, speaking on Ordinance No. 28696.
19. Mackenzie Knapp, speaking on Ordinance No. 28696.
20. Stacy Oaks, speaking on Ordinance Nos. 28694 and 28696.
21. Megan Capes, speaking on Resolution No. 40677.
22. Scott Guy, speaking on Resolution No. 40676.
23. David Thompson, speaking on Resolution No. 40676.
24. Shannon Cline, speaking on Resolution No. 40676.
25. Yvonne McCarty, speaking on Ordinance No. 28696.
26. Rachel Haxtema, speaking on Resolution No. 40676 and Ordinance No. 28696.
27. Jessica Zimmerle, speaking on Ordinance No. 28696.
28. Nathan Schumer, speaking on Resolution No. 40676.
29. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution No. 40676 and Ordinance No. 28696.
30. Tony Ivey, speaking on Ordinance No. 28696.
31. Stephanie Hillman, speaking on Ordinance No. 28696.
32. Michaela, speaking on Resolution No. 40676 and Ordinance No. 28696.

Public Comment ended at 6:21 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Sarah Moore v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 20-2-05758-0, relating to claims associated with her prior City employment, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$95,000.

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

RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES40676](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Lease Agreement with First Christian Church, for the use of property located at 602 North Orchard Street, for the establishment and operation of a temporary emergency micro-shelter site, through July 31, 2023.
[Allyson Griffith, Assistant Director; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40676.

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. [RES40677](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Low Income Housing Institute, in the amount of \$2,241,616, budgeted from Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding, to expand temporary shelter bed capacity by developing and managing a temporary emergency micro-shelter site, located at 6th Avenue and North Orchard Street, through June 30, 2023.
[Allyson Griffith, Assistant Director; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40677.

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

10. [ORD28694](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for nonrepresented employees and employees represented by the Tacoma Police Union, Local 6, I.U.P.A., the Tacoma Police Management Association, Local 26, and the Professional Public Safety Managers Association, retroactive to January 1, 2020.
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 29694. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

11. [ORD28695](#) An ordinance amending Title 13 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Land Use Regulatory Code, by amending Chapters 13.05 and 13.06 to reauthorize, extend, and modify the Residential Infill Pilot Program.
[Mesa Sherriff, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to amend Ordinance No. 28695, on page 2, line 1, to strike the word “three” and insert “six”; on line 2, to strike the number “15” and insert “30”; and on line 3, to strike the number “60” and insert “120”.

Council Member Beale further moved to amend Ordinance No. 28695, to add three additional subsections under the “Be it Ordained” section and amend Exhibits A and B to be consistent with the terms of this motion to read as follows:

Section 3. That the Planning Commission is directed to forward a package of recommended Comprehensive Plan amendments by May of 2021 and a full package of implementing zoning, along with appropriate standards and processes to ensure that infill development complements neighborhood patterns, promotes efficient, compact, transit-supporting and walkable patterns of development, establishes a high quality of design requirements, and incentivizes affordability measures in addition to being well-supported by urban infrastructure and services, for City Council consideration by December of 2021.

Section 4. That the City Manager, or designee, is directed to provide updated information about the status and results of the program to Council two times per year commencing by May of 2021 to be considered with the Planning Commission recommendations.

Section 5. That the City Manager, or designee, in coordination with the Planning Commission, will expedite the work to modify Tacoma’s housing growth strategy and associated zoning to promote housing supply, housing choice, and affordability by allowing a broader range of housing types in Tacoma’s predominantly single-family neighborhoods.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the motion to amend Ordinance No. 28695. The motion was declared adopted.

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

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Amended Ordinance No. 28695. The Ordinance, as amended, was declared passed by the following vote:

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

12. [ORD28696](#) An ordinance approving a six-month extension of the Tideflats Interim Regulations, as originally approved by Amended Ordinance No. 28470 and extended by Ordinance Nos. 28542, 28583, 28619, and 28671.
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Mayor Woodards moved to amend Ordinance No. 28696, to add an additional subsection under the “Be it Ordained” section, to read as follows:

That the Tacoma Planning Commission is hereby directed to review these Interim Regulations, and recommend non-interim regulations to replace them for consideration by the City Council by April of 2021. In undertaking this work, the Commission will consider only those issues and uses initially addressed by Amended Ordinance No. 28470, and will limit the scope of work to those regulatory options reviewed in the public record. The Commission should seek substantive input from the Port of Tacoma, the Puyallup Tribe, and other governments and stakeholders of the Tacoma Tideflats. Further, the Commission will review and assess approaches to regulate the expansion of existing uses, and consider new findings of fact, including any lessons learned from

permitting in the time since the regulations were put into effect, and changes to baseline conditions. The Commission's recommendations should provide clarity and predictability for industry and community, particularly given the current COVID-19 crisis and economic impacts.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the motion to amend Ordinance No. 28696. The motion was declared adopted.

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

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Amended Ordinance No. 28696. The Ordinance, as amended, 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

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Deputy Mayor Blocker, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the September 24, 2020, meeting, the Committee received updates on the South Sound Housing Affordability Partners and the implementation of the Community Trauma Response Team; and at the October 8, 2020, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Community's Police Advisory Committee's annual report and the domestic violence Strategic Alliance. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be on November 12, 2020, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include interviews for the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, and presentations on provider funding approaches and the Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society contract.

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Council Member Ushka reminded everyone to get a flu shot, wear their mask, social distance, and to wash their hands, and announced that there were 61 new COVID-19 cases today.

Mayor Woodards announced that applications are now being accepted online

for the Heal the Heart of Tacoma Core Coordinating Team and encouraged everyone to apply; stated that transformation teams will be created around specific issues, with policing being the focus of the first transformation team; and concluded by inviting everyone to view the webpage at cityoftacoma.org/healththeheart.

Mayor Woodards further invited everyone to attend the virtual Town Hall on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., to discuss the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk