



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

January 07, 2020

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR THE ELECTED AND RE ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Honorable Stanley J. Rumbaugh swore newly elected Council Member John Hines into office.

Mr. Alex Walker swore newly elected Council Member Kristina Walker into office.

The Honorable John McCarthy swore re-elected Council Member Conor McCarthy into office.

Former Mayor Marilyn Strickland swore re-elected Council Member Keith Blocker into office.

ROLL CALL

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

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Hunter.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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The City Council meeting recessed at 5:15 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 5:26 p.m.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [19-1468](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, November 14, 2019.

2. [19-1464](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, December 3, 2019.
3. [19-1469](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, November 6, 2019.
4. [19-1470](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, November 20, 2019.
5. [19-1471](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, December 4, 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. [19-1475](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, October 1, 2019.
7. [19-1477](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, October 15, 2019.
8. [19-1478](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, October 22, 2019.
9. [20-0001](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, October 29, 2019.
10. [20-0002](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, November 5, 2019.
11. [20-0003](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, November 12, 2019.
12. [20-0004](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, November 19, 2019.
13. [20-0007](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors study session, December 3, 2019.
14. [20-0008](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, December 10, 2019.
15. [20-0009](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, December 17, 2019.
16. [19-1466](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, December 3, 2019.
17. [19-1474](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, December 10, 2019.

18. [20-0006](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, December 17, 2019.

RESOLUTIONS

19. [RES40533](#) A resolution setting Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of the alley lying between South 67th Street and South 69th Street, and west of South Adams Street, to facilitate future development.
(The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County; File No. 124.1407)
[Teague Pasco, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40533.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40533. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

20. [20-0012](#) Proclaiming January 2020 as Whole Child Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed January 2020 as Whole Child Month and presented the proclamation to Ms. Laura Allen, Director of Whole Child, Tacoma Public Schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:29 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, 1205 Earnest South Brazill Street, speaking on Resolution No. 40535.
2. Willie Stewart, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40536.
3. Tom Pierson, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber, speaking on Resolution No. 40536.
4. Mitchell Shook, Advanced Stream, speaking on Ordinance No. 28650.
5. Tom McCarthy, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28650.
6. Laura McCarthy, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28650.

- 7. Rich Langsford, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28650.
- 8. Holly Rydel, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28650 and Resolution No. 40534.
- 9. Megan Little, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40534.
- 10. Nichole Crockett, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40534.
- 11. Sean Arent, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40534.
- 12. Joseph Hann, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40534.
- 13. Megan Capes, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40534.
- 14. Adam Mickelson, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40534.
- 15. Stewart Crockett, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40534.
- 16. Kit Burns, 1010 6th Avenue, speaking on Ordinance No. 28650.
- 17. Ilyana Zeski, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28650.
- 18. Gabriel Symer, resident, speaking on Ordinance No. 28650.
- 19. Barb Shivers, speaking on Resolution No. 40534.

Public Comment ended at 6:00 p.m.

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City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided an update on homelessness in People's Park.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 21. [20-0005](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all personal injury claims against the City in the matter of John Petrovich, Carol Petrovich v. City of Tacoma, et al., Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 19-2-07791-9, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$65,000.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all personal injury claims against the City in the matter of John Petrovich, Carol Petrovich v. City of Tacoma, et al., Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 19-2-07791-9, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$65,000.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

APPOINTMENTS

- 22. [RES40534](#) A resolution nominating and electing Council Member Keith Blocker to the office of Deputy Mayor to serve a one-year term to expire December 31, 2020.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40534.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.

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

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Mayor Woodards presented Deputy Mayor Blocker with a name plaque, and a plaque to Council Member McCarthy in recognition of his service as Deputy Mayor.

- 23. [RES40535](#) A resolution appointing Robert Hersey to the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40535.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

RESOLUTIONS

- 24. [RES40536](#) A resolution expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 1 submitted by the Tacoma School District No. 10 at the February 11, 2020 Special Election, which reads as follows:

TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
 SPECIAL ELECTION - PROPOSITION NO. 1
 NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS AND SAFETY UPGRADES -
 \$535,000,000

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 2065 concerning a proposition to finance capital improvements to neighborhood schools districtwide. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to replace or renovate eight deteriorating neighborhood schools across Tacoma; implement health, safety, security, and seismic upgrades; repair roofs, alarm/sprinkler systems, and HVAC/plumbing systems for clean water and safe air; improve playground/athletic facilities; and make other capital improvements; issue \$535,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum 25 years to finance these capital improvements; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 2065. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

Yes _____
 No _____

[Deputy Mayor McCarthy]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40536.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

Council Member McCarthy disclosed a remote interest, stating his wife is employed by the Tacoma Public School District.

Council Member Hines disclosed a remote interest, stating he is employed by the Tacoma Public School District.

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

- 25. [ORD28650](#) An ordinance granting a non-exclusive 20-year franchise agreement to Rainier Connect North LLC, a Washington limited liability company, to construct, operate, maintain, and provide cable television services in the City. [Jeff Lueders, Cable Communications and Franchise Services Manager; Tanisha Jumper, Director, Media and Communications Office]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28650. 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

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Beale, Vice Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the November 20, 2019 meeting, the Committee interviewed candidates for the Landmarks Preservation Commission and heard a presentation on the Urban Forest Management Plan; at the December 4, 2019 meeting, the Committee interviewed candidates for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission and heard a presentation on the Healthy Homes, Healthy Neighborhoods program; and at the December 18, 2019 meeting, the Committee heard presentations on the Pacific Avenue Bus Rapid Transit project and Pierce Transit’s Long Range Plan. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. at the Tacoma Municipal Building in Conference Room 248.

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Council Member Ushka reminded about the implementation of the new recycling regulations.

Mayor Woodards stated she attended the Tacoma Baking Company grand opening and encouraged all to support the new bakery.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk