



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**April 13, 2021**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:02 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 Hines 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 Hines.

## 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. [21-0345](#) Minutes of the Community's Police Advisory Committee, March 8, 2021.
2. [21-0337](#) Convention Center and Parking Revenue Bonds Coverage Compliance.

## CONSENT AGENDA

3. [21-0343](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, February 16, 2021.

## RESOLUTIONS

4. [RES40770](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, April 27, 2021, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the Planning Commission's recommended amendments to Titles 13 and 19 of the Municipal Code, entitled Land Use Regulatory Code and Shoreline Master Program, to replace Amended Ordinance No. 28470, Tideflats Interim Regulations. [Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

5. [ORD28754](#) An ordinance vacating a 10-foot wide planting strip within the south portion of the 6th Avenue right-of-way, lying between South Howard Street and South Rochester Street, to facilitate construction of a seven-story apartment building.  
(6902 6th Ave LLP; File No. 124.1420)  
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40770 and first reading of Ordinance No. 28754.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28754.**

**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 No. 40770, and setting Ordinance No. 28754 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

6. [21-0346](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli informed everyone that the systems transformation updates will be presented on the second and fourth Tuesdays during City Council meetings and on alternate Tuesdays during study sessions, and that weekly updates will continue to be posted at [cityoftacoma.org/transform](http://cityoftacoma.org/transform) under City Manager updates. She further presented the system transformation update, including new items, noting new policies and transforming existing programs; current state analysis of the Tacoma Police Department; and the legislative agenda at the local, State, and Federal level. She concluded by reviewing the systems transformation update table, and the next steps and long range transformation timelines.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:14 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jessie Clawson, speaking on Resolution No. 40772.
2. Steven Treffers, speaking on Resolution No. 40772.
3. Ellen Mirro, speaking on Resolution No. 40772.
4. Michael Sullivan, speaking on Resolution No. 40772.
5. Kathleen Brooker, speaking on Resolution No. 40772.

Public Comment ended at 5:26 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES40771](#) (Continued from the meeting of April 13, 2021) A resolution authorizing the Department of Public Utilities, Light Division, d.b.a. Tacoma Power, to adjust the wholesale transmission and ancillary services rates in Tacoma Power's Open Access Transmission Tariff, effective May 1, 2021.  
[Marc Donaldson, Power Engineer; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40771.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to continue Resolution No. 40771 to a date to be determined.**

**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

8. [RES40772](#) A resolution designating the Wahlgren's Florist Shop, located at 201 North Yakima Avenue, as a City Landmark and placing said property on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places.  
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40772.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 0

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **COMMUNITY FORUM**

Community Forum began at 6:14 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received ten written comments for Community Forum, regarding employee hazard pay and Home in Tacoma.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Marquis King Mason, regarding climate change and the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
2. Lee, regarding employee hazard pay.
3. Michael Jr., regarding employee hazard pay.
4. Venus Dergan, regarding low-barrier homeless shelters.
5. Mary, regarding employee hazard pay.
6. Mariana Sanchez, regarding climate change and the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
7. Joe Bushnell, regarding low-barrier homeless shelters.
8. Barbara Church, regarding body worn cameras, the Tideflats Interim Regulations, and liquefied natural gas.

Mayor Woodards addressed comments regarding low-barrier homeless shelters and body worn cameras.

Community Forum ended at 6:29 p.m.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

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

### **Government Performance and Finance Committee**

Council Member Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported at the April 6, 2021, meeting, the Committee elected the Chair and Vice Chair, and received a presentation on the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project; and stated the next meeting will be held on April 20, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., through Zoom, and will include presentations on the mental health tax and wholesale power rates.

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Council Member Beale expressed appreciation for speakers providing comments, addressed comments from Community Forum regarding low-barrier homeless shelters, asked everyone in the community that practices Islam to be safe as they gather to celebrate Ramadan.

Council Member Hunter expressed appreciation for Lisa Woods, Interim Chief Equity Officer, Office of Equity and Human Rights, and members of her staff, for the implicit bias training the Council Members received on March 29, 2021.

Council Member Ushka stated Pierce County has been pushed back to COVID-19 Phase 2; explained the Phase 2 guidelines; and asked everyone to wear their masks, wash their hands, social distance, and get the vaccination.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk