



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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December 08, 2020

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member McCarthy 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 McCarthy.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Mike Cohen, Jacki Pearce-Droge, and 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. [20-0942](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, October 14, 2020.
2. [20-0943](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, October 28, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. [20-0932](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, September 1, 2020.

4. [20-0933](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, September 15, 2020.
5. [20-0934](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, September 22, 2020.
6. [20-0935](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, September 29, 2020.
7. [20-0936](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, October 6, 2020.
8. [20-0937](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, October 13, 2020.
9. [20-0938](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, October 20, 2020.
10. [20-0924](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 20, 2020.
11. [20-0931](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, October 21, 2020.
12. [20-0928](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 27, 2020.
13. [20-0930](#) Minutes of the Virtual Forum, October 27, 2020.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to suspend the rules to add a Resolution, Resolution No. 40710, to the agenda, as Item 15A, expressing opposition to Pierce County Council Ordinance No. 2020-136

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:10 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received eight written comments for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28724, regarding the establishment of a View Sensitive Overlay District; and Ordinance No. 28726, regarding the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jessica, speaking on Ordinance No. 28723.
2. Luis Alonzo, speaking on Ordinance No. 28723.
3. Jane Evancho, speaking on Ordinance No. 28724.
4. Mike Fleming, speaking on Ordinance No. 28724.
5. Gail Cline, speaking on Ordinance No. 28724.
6. Karen Kelly, speaking on Ordinance No. 28724.
7. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40708 and 40710.
8. Jim Schock, speaking on Ordinance No. 28724.
9. Marilyn Kimmerling, speaking on Ordinance No. 28723.
10. Les Pogue Jr., speaking on Fireman's Park.
11. Beverly Grant, speaking on Ordinance No. 28724.
12. Beth Johnson, speaking on Ordinance No. 28724.
13. Lori Grassi, speaking on Ordinance No. 28724.
14. Cindy Arnold, speaking on Ordinance No. 28723.

Public Comment ended at 5:35 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 Than Orn, et al. v. City of Tacoma, United States District Court Cause No. 3:13-cv-05974, relating to an officer-involved shooting, upon payment of \$8,000,000, which includes contribution by the City of up to \$3,000,000 of self-insured costs, minus defense costs, with the remainder paid by the City's insurance carrier.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

APPOINTMENTS

14. [RES40708](#) A resolution appointing individuals to the Core Coordinating Team.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40708.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

15. [RES40709](#) A resolution reappointing individuals to the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40709.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

RESOLUTIONS

- 15A. [RES40710](#) A resolution expressing opposition to Pierce County Council Ordinance No. 2020-136; opposing the dissolution of the Interlocal Agreement that creates and maintains the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department; and inviting a cooperative discussion, after the current pandemic has passed, on whether dissolution of the current structure is in the best interests of the City and Pierce County residents.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40710.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

16. [ORD28721](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for represented and non-represented classifications and classification changes to reflect the organizational structure.
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28721.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

17. [ORD28722](#) An ordinance modifying the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget to appropriate funds for additional changes in transfers and other budget adjustments as well as appropriating additional estimated revenues.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28722.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: 1 - McCarthy

Absent: 1 - Thoms

18. [ORD28723](#) An ordinance amending the Heidelberg-Davis site, located in the vicinity of South 19th Street and South Tyler Street, from a Parks and Open Space land use designation to a Major Institutional Campus designation, as part of the 2020 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code, effective January 1, 2021.
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28723.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: 1 - Beale

Absent: 1 - Thoms

19. [ORD28724](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 13.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Zoning, by amending Section 13.06.070, entitled “Overlay Districts”, to establish a View Sensitive Overlay District - 20, with a 20-foot building height limit, and an area-wide rezone for specified areas within the View Sensitive Overlay District, as part of the 2020 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Use Regulatory Code, effective January 1, 2021.
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to amend Ordinance No. 28724, to remove node 4 from the proposed map as well as five lots along the north side of North 17th Street, between North Bridgeview Drive and North Skyline Drive as depicted in the revised map set.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to amend Amended Ordinance No. 28724, to remove nodes 3 and 5.

SECONDED BY: Mayor Woodards.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and failed. The motion was declared failed.

Ayes: 1 - McCarthy

Nays: 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Amended Ordinance No. 28724. The Amended Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: 1 - Beale

Absent: 1 - Thoms

20. [ORD28725](#) An ordinance amending Title 13 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Land Use Regulatory Code, by amending various chapters to adopt the minor plan and code amendments as part of the 2020 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code, effective January 1, 2021.

[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28725.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

21. [ORD28726](#) An ordinance amending Title 12 of the Municipal Code to amend Chapter 12.01, relating to Utility Charges, and Chapter 12.06, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, to support implementation of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project, effective January 1, 2021.

[Matt Hubbard, Power Engineer; Jackie Flowers, Director, Tacoma Public Utilities]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28726 was set over for final reading next week.

22. [ORD28727](#) 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 City of Tacoma, Washington, City and Pierce County Employees Local Number 120 of the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, AFSCME, AFL-CIO.

[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28727 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 6:56 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for Community Forum, regarding the Residential Infill Pilot Program.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Robert Grady, regarding homelessness.
2. Luis Alonzo, regarding the City's 2016 Institutional Campus Zoning Review.
3. Marilyn Kimmerling, regarding Mayors for a Guaranteed Income and homelessness.
4. Callista Brown, regarding Resolution No. 40622.
5. Kit Burns, regarding automated meters.
6. Les Pogue Jr., regarding Tacoma Housing Now and Fireman's Park.

Community Forum ended at 7:07 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli announced the completion of the public question and answer session and City Council interviews with the Police Chief finalists and shared how Council Members and community members can weigh in on the decision, including viewing the interview sessions and completing a survey to give feedback by Friday, December 11, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at cityoftacoma.org/policechiefrecruitment. She continued by reviewing next steps, including continuing her deliberations this week and to receive and consider feedback on the candidates from the City Council and the public; and stated Shelby Fritz, Assistant Director, Human Resources, is available to receive feedback on the candidates, and her contact information and press release can be found on the webpage. City Manager Pauli concluded the review of next steps, including a notice to the public that the City Council may consider confirmation of one of the finalists at the Tuesday, December 15, 2020, City Council meeting, noting that the agenda will not include a name as the considerations are still underway; a notice to the public for an Executive Session on Monday, December 14, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., where the City Council can consider the qualifications of the finalists; and following the Executive Session, she will share the candidate that she will be presenting to the City Council for confirmation on Tuesday evening with the public.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member McCarthy, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the November 18, 2020, special meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Transportation Commission; and at the December 2, 2020, special meeting, the Committee received presentations on proposed building and fire code amendments and climate impacts on air quality in low-income neighborhoods. He concluded by stating the December 9, 2020, meeting has been cancelled, and the agenda items that were scheduled will now be heard on January 13, 2021.

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Mayor Woodards announced that the Mayors for a Guaranteed Income received an additional \$15 million of private funding for demonstration projects across the nation and that these new funds are being allocated to launch or expand guaranteed income pilots in various United States cities, including Tacoma. She stated that as a founding member of Mayors for a Guaranteed Income, Tacoma will be eligible for \$500,000, which will be used to support Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed families; and expressed gratitude and appreciation for Jack Dorsey, Mayor Michael Tubbs, and various partners in the work to shape a Guaranteed Income demonstration in Tacoma.

Council Member Ushka stated that 460 new COVID-19 cases and two new deaths were reported in Pierce County today, 3,125 cases have been reported in the last 14 days, with a total of 18,210 cases and 253 deaths to date in Pierce County. She concluded by encouraging everyone to wear their masks, stay in groups within their households, shop and support small businesses safely, and reach out to loved ones.

Mayor Woodards stated Governor Inslee extended the statewide restrictions for an additional three weeks and that he also announced \$50 million will be made available for small businesses who are affected by the new shut down.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to excuse Council Member Thoms from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

Ayes: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk