



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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October 13, 2020

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:18 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 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 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. [20-0680](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, February 26, 2020.
2. [20-0693](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, April 22, 2020.
3. [20-0694](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, May 13, 2020.
4. [20-0695](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, February 19, 2020.
5. [20-0696](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, April 15, 2020.
6. [20-0697](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, May 6, 2020.

7. [20-0708](#) 2021-2022 Proposed Biennial Operating and Capital Budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. [20-0674](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole special meeting, June 23, 2020.

RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES40669](#) A resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application through the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Grants: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants Program, in the amount of \$2 million, for the deployment of approximately 107,000 advanced water meters and radio modules; and authorizing the Director of Utilities to enter into an agreement for the requested grant.
[Corey Bedient, Assistant Water Division Manager; Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent]

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

10. [ORD28693](#) An ordinance vacating a dead-end portion of South 74th Street, lying between the westerly boundary of South Hosmer Street and the easterly boundary line of the South 72nd Street Interchange to Interstate Highway 5, to be incorporated into the abutting parcels for enhanced access with greater control, and possible future business expansion.
(Dean Paulson, LLC; File No. 124.1414)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40669 and first reading of Ordinance No. 28693.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28693.

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. 40669 and setting Ordinance No. 28693 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

11. [20-0698](#) Proclaiming Saturday, October 17, 2020, as Orca Recovery Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Saturday, October 17, 2020, as Orca Recovery Day and presented the proclamation to Allan Warren, Communications and Development Director, Pierce Conservation District.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:30 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received eight written comments for Public Comment, on Resolution No. 40669, applying for a \$2 million grant for the Water Division; Ordinance No. 28695, regarding the Residential Infill Pilot Program; and Ordinance No. 28696, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Robb Krehbiel, speaking on Ordinance No. 28696.
2. Kit Burns, speaking on Resolution No. 40669.
3. Stacy Oaks, speaking on Ordinance No. 28696.
4. Anna Doty, speaking on Ordinance No. 28696.
5. Blair Englebrecht, speaking on Ordinance No. 28696.
6. Marquis Mason, speaking on Ordinance No. 28696.
7. Victoria Leistman, speaking on Ordinance No. 28696.
8. Jamie Fiano, speaking on Ordinance No. 28696.

Public Comment ended at 5:50 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

12. [RES40670](#) A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the sale of approximately 31.5 acres of Tacoma Power property, located in the Frederickson vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County, to Exeter Canyon Land, LLC, for the amount of \$10,600,000. [Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40670.

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

13. [RES40671](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Teamsters Local Union No. 117, Tacoma Venues and Events Unit, regarding alternate work schedules to address budget constraints. [Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40671.

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

14. [RES40672](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Police Union, Local 6, I.U.P.A., to extend the 2017-2019 Collective Bargaining Agreement through December 31, 2020, and the terms of a Body Worn Camera program to be implemented January 1, 2021. [Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40672.

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

15. [ORD28692](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for the position of City Manager, retroactive to May 16, 2020. [Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28692. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

16. [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: Ordinance No. 28694 was set over for final reading next week.

17. [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]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28695 was set over for final reading next week.

18. [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]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28696 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 6:25 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received seven written comments for Community Forum, regarding Grand Pacific development, a petition in response to Resolution No. 40622, micro-shelter sites, large gatherings and events in public parks, and the City budget.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Naomi Simila-Dickinson, regarding Bennie Branch and Manuel Ellis's families and the Tacoma Police Department (TPD).
2. David Thompson, regarding R-2 Single-Family Dwelling Districts in Tacoma.
3. Barb Shivers, regarding the proposed 6th Avenue and Orchard Street micro-shelter site.
4. Eva Bowen, regarding Resolution No. 40622 and the Community Trauma Response Team.
5. Josef Barlow-Farrar, regarding climate change, the Tideflats Interim Regulations, and public comment formats.
6. Bob Anda, regarding the proposed 6th Avenue and Orchard Street micro-shelter site.
7. Jamie Fiano, regarding the proposed 6th Avenue and Orchard Street

micro-shelter site, department transformations in the City budget, and the Tideflats Interim Regulations.

8. Cat, regarding the proposed 6th Avenue and Orchard Street micro-shelter site.

9. Laurie Arnold, regarding Manuel Ellis.

Community Forum ended at 6:45 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli invited the community to view the transformation webpage at cityoftacoma.org/transform and stated the webpage is linked to the weekly press releases from the Washington State Patrol.

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 September 23, 2020, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Environmental Action Plan progress report, and proposals for the building and development code and community engagement enhancement. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, where the Committee will take action on the proposed building and development code and community engagement enhancement, and discuss water quality and fish habitat preservation.

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Council Member Beale addressed comments from the Public Comment and Community Forum periods relating to the Tideflats Interim Regulations and R-2 Single-Family Dwelling Districts in Tacoma.

Council Member Hines thanked attendees for comments about the proposed 6th Avenue and Orchard Street micro-shelter site and for everyone who participated at the Town Hall. He informed everyone that they could also speak on the micro-shelter site under the Public Comment period at the October 20, 2020, City Council meeting.

Deputy Mayor Blocker inquired about the Trauma Response Team and where community members can find information about the progress of the program.

Mayor Woodards announced that COVID-19 cases are rising in Pierce County, and reminded everyone to wash their hands, social distance, and to wear their mask. She concluded by stating that

those who are venturing out can still support local businesses and restaurants, and encouraged everyone to get a flu shot.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Woodards", written over a horizontal line.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doris Sorum", written over a horizontal line.

Doris Sorum, City Clerk