



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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August 17, 2021

5:00 PM

**747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402
City Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Deputy Mayor Blocker and Council Member Hunter participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor Blocker 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 Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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. [21-0771](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, July 21, 2021.
2. [21-0786](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, June 14, 2021.
3. [21-0785](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, August 2, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

4. [RES40822](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a grant agreement and any associated term extensions with the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration; accepting and depositing \$400,000 into the Special Revenue Fund, together with funding of \$100,000 in matching City funds, budgeted from the General Fund, for a cumulative total of \$500,000, to enable the business community to recover and rebuild from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
[Carol Wolfe, Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]
5. [RES40823](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a grant agreement and any associated term extensions with the Washington State Department of Commerce, Community Development Block Grant CARES II program; accepting and depositing \$427,319 into the Special Revenue Fund, to provide foreclosure prevention and mortgage assistance services.
[Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]
6. [RES40824](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a grant agreement and any associated term extensions with the United States Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act; accepting and depositing \$520,347 into the MBDA Coronavirus Response and Relief Fund, to provide comprehensive relief services to minority-owned businesses for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.
[Linda Womack, Supervisor; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]
7. [RES40825](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a grant agreement and any associated term extensions with the United States Department of Commerce; accepting and depositing \$2,000,000 into the MBDA Business Center Program (Washington) Tacoma Business Center Fund, to operate the Minority Business Development Agency Business Center in Tacoma as a Cooperative Agreement for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026.
[Linda Womack, Supervisor; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40822 through 40825.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40822 through 40825. 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

8. [21-0799](#) Recognizing Twin Tigers Taekwondo.

Mayor Woodards recognized Twin Tigers Taekwondo and presented the recognition to Daniel Ramirez, Master, Twin Tigers Taekwondo.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:11 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution No. 40823, Resolution No. 40826, and Resolution No. 40828.
2. Jason Gauthier, speaking on Resolution No. 40823.

Public Comment ended at 5:17 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. [21-0800](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Daniel L. Washburn and Kay L. Washburn v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 20-2-08782-9, relating to property damage from storm water runoff, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$190,000.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Daniel L. Washburn and Kay L. Washburn v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 20-2-08782-9, relating to property damage from storm water runoff, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$190,000.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

10. [RES40826](#) A resolution reappointing Derek Young to the Board of Commissioners of the Tacoma Housing Authority, for a five-year term beginning August 23, 2021, through August 22, 2026.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40826.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

11. [RES40827](#) A resolution appointing Dalvin Williams-Yarbrough to the Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries to fill the remainder of an unexpired term for the position with legal experience set to expire September 30, 2021 and continuing for an additional three-year term to expire September 30, 2024.

[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40827.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

12. [RES40828](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$32,407.91, for supplementing the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department's existing box fan filter distribution program with the distribution of an additional 500 box fan filters to East Tacoma, South Tacoma, Central Tacoma, and Northeast Tacoma, based on equity, topography and proximity to pollutants.

[Council Member Beale]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40828.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli reported the City received the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2021-2022 budget, noting what the award reflects, and guidelines needed to be met in order to receive the award; and Mayor Woodards and City Manager Pauli expressed appreciation for the Office of Management and Budget as well as all other departments that put together the budget presentation.

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 August 3, 2021, meeting, the Committee received presentations on Washington State House Bill 1091, public notification processes, and the American Rescue Plan Act funding; and at today's meeting, the Committee received presentations on the 2020 audit exit conference, the monthly budget update, the City's draft reserve policy, and deferred repair and replacement project funding. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on September 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., through Zoom, and will include a presentation on the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption policy.

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Mayor Woodards informed everyone that on August 9, 2021, the City launched the Guaranteed Income demonstration which is called "Growing Resilience in Tacoma", noting the application period, the goal, funding, partnerships, qualifications, and the number of completed and in progress applications. She concluded by stating the applicants will be randomly selected by the University of Pennsylvania and the plan is to have the first payment sent out in October.

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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 5:35 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk