



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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November 30, 2021

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 2 - Beale and Thoms

Council Member Thoms arrived at 5:06 p.m.

All Council Members 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, and Tacoma Police Department Officer Reginald "Jake" Gutierrez.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [21-1165](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, September 1, 2021.
2. [21-1166](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, October 6, 2021.
3. [21-1167](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission special joint meeting, October 11, 2021.
4. [21-1175](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, October 20, 2021.

5. [21-1176](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees study session, September 11, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. [21-1181](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, June 22, 2021.
7. [21-1182](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, June 29, 2021.
8. [21-1179](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, June 15, 2021.
9. [21-1186](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, June 22, 2021.
10. [21-1187](#) Minutes of the Virtual Forum, June 22, 2021.

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

Council Member Thoms arrived here, at 5:06 p.m.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Beale

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. [21-1169](#) Recognizing Tom Pierson, CEO, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber.

Mayor Woodards recognized Tom Pierson, CEO, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber and presented the recognition to Mr. Pierson.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 16, Ordinance No. 28793, regarding the Home in Tacoma Project, at this time

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Beale

- 16. [ORD28793](#) An ordinance amending various chapters in Title 13 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Land Use Regulatory Code; approving the Home in Tacoma Project housing policy actions as recommended by the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, including amending the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan elements related to Housing, Urban Form, and Design and Development; and endorsing a Housing Action Plan to guide ongoing implementation, effective January 3, 2022.

[Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to continue Ordinance No. 28793 to the meeting of December 7, 2021, which may include any approved amendments that may come from the December 1, 2021, special meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Beale

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:26 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received 47 written comments for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28793, regarding the Home in Tacoma Project.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Matthew Mauer, speaking on Resolution No. 40878.
2. Matthew Sutherland, speaking on Resolution No. 40878.
3. Heidi Stevens, speaking on Resolution No. 40878.
4. Kierra Phifer, speaking on Resolution No. 40878.

Public Comment ended at 5:36 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

12. [RES40878](#) A resolution adopting the 2030 Climate Action Plan and Climate Adaptation Strategy. [James G. Parvey, P.E., Environmental Policy and Sustainability Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40878.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Beale

13. [RES40879](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Joint Labor Committee, regarding the addition of June 19th “Juneteenth” as a paid holiday for City employees, beginning in calendar year 2022.

[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40879.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Beale

14. [RES40880](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Police Union, Local 6, I.U.P.A., regarding the addition of June 19th “Juneteenth” as a paid holiday for City employees, beginning in calendar year 2022.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40880.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Beale

15. [RES40881](#) A resolution adding consideration of expanding the districts in which electric fences are allowed to the 2022 Land Use Regulatory Code Amendment work plan and process, and for review and recommendation by the Planning Commission.
[Council Member Thoms]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40881.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Beale

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

16. [ORD28793](#) An ordinance amending various chapters in Title 13 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Land Use Regulatory Code; approving the Home in Tacoma Project housing policy actions as recommended by the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, including amending the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan elements related to Housing, Urban Form, and Design and Development; and endorsing a Housing Action Plan to guide ongoing implementation, effective January 3, 2022.
[Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

Ordinance No. 28793 was continued to the meeting of December 7, 2021, earlier in the meeting.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

17. [ORD28794](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to provide for the addition of June 19th “Juneteenth” as a paid holiday for City employees, beginning in calendar year 2022.
[Lisa Woods, Equity and Human Rights Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28794 was set over for final reading next week.

18. [ORD28795](#) 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 Firefighters Union, Local 31, and the Professional Public Safety Management Association.
[Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28795 was set over for final reading next week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

19. [21-1149](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed amendments to the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan for Housing, Community, and Economic Development projects.
[Jason McKenzie, Resource Manager; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

The public hearing began at 6:07 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comment for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Lawrence Norman, resident.

The public hearing ended at 6:16 p.m.

20. [21-1150](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council to designate additional areas of the City as Residential Target Areas.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

The public hearing began at 6:17 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received two written comments for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jason Gauthier, Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity.
2. Lawrence Norman, resident.
3. Heidi Stevens, resident.
4. Rick Donohue, resident.

The public hearing ended at 6:32 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli reported that the Transportation Improvement Board notified the City of two successful grant applications, including a \$4 million grant for the second phase of the East 64th Street project, which

extends from McKinley Avenue to Portland Avenue; and a \$297,000 grant for construction of missing link sidewalks on South Yakima Avenue, between South 67th and South 70th Streets.

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Council Member Walker announced that today is GivingTuesday, expressed appreciation for local non-profits, and encouraged community members to give to local non-profits.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Ushka, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the November 4, 2021, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Community's Police Advisory Committee; and at the November 18, 2021, meeting, the Committee received presentations on a transformation update and options for an unlawful camping in the City ordinance. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on December 9, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include a presentation on police transformation and a follow-up on unlawful camping in the City ordinance options.

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Mayor Woodards announced there would be a special City Council meeting tomorrow, December 1, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., to consider amendments for Ordinance No. 28793, relating to the Home in Tacoma Project; and stated the special meeting will be broadcast on TV Tacoma, live streamed online, and that public comment will not be taken at the special meeting but will be taken at the December 7, 2021, City Council meeting. She concluded by reminding everyone that COVID-19 is still here, and the best protection is to get vaccinated; encouraging everyone to get the booster shot if they are eligible; and providing statistics on vaccinated Tacoma-Pierce County residents and case rates, including COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, deaths, and vaccinations.

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Beale

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk