



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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August 11, 2020

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Thoms.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Sonja Isakson Brookins 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. [20-0483](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, February 11, 2020.
2. [20-0484](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, February 4, 2020.
3. [20-0498](#) Minutes of the Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma, July 18, 2020.
4. [20-0494](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, June 17, 2020.
5. [20-0493](#) List of names and informal petition regarding after-hour events held at the location of 3825 Yakima Avenue.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. [20-0492](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, June 9, 2020.

RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES40637](#) A resolution setting Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of the alley right-of-way, lying between South 11th and South 12th Streets, and Martin Luther King Jr. Way and South “J” Street, to facilitate an affordable market housing office and small business space.
(Forterra Hilltop East, LLC and Forterra Hilltop West, LLC; File No. 124.1409)
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40637.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40637. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:06 p.m.

Public Comment ended at 5:07 p.m.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

8. [ORD28685](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Administration, by amending Section 1.06.075, entitled “Police Department Citizen-Initiated Complaint Oversight”, to replace the word “citizen” with the words “community” and “resident”, and to rename the Citizen Police Advisory Committee to “Community’s Police Advisory Committee”, to align with the City’s equity framework.
[Bucoda Warren, Senior Management Fellow; Tanisha Jumper, Director, Media and Communications]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28685. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 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 5:09 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received 18 written comments regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations, the Tacoma Police Department (TPD), large gatherings and events in public parks, homelessness, the City’s Rental Assistance Program, the Northwest ICE Processing Center (NWIPC), and the City budget.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Elly Claus-McGahan, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
2. Devin Rydel Kelly, regarding Manuel Ellis and the City budget.
3. Norma Ramirez, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
4. Megan Capes, regarding Manuel Ellis, the City budget, homelessness, and the City’s Rental Assistance Program.
5. Barbara Church, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations and Manuel Ellis.
6. Anna Doty, regarding Manuel Ellis, the City budget, and the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
7. Maddie Smith, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations.

8. John Carlton, regarding the City's climate emergency declaration and the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
9. Mariana, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
10. Josef Barlow-Farrar, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
11. Kira, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
12. Ingrid Archibald, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
13. Marquis King Mason, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
14. David Thompson, regarding food distribution systems.
15. Alana Killeen, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
16. Emily Graham, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
17. Harry Katz, regarding Manuel Ellis, the City budget, and the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
18. Scout Khelian, regarding climate justice, the City budget, and the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
19. Victoria Leistman, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations and Manuel Ellis.
20. Anthony, regarding Manuel Ellis, police departments, and the City budget.
21. Kit Burns, regarding the Tacoma Public Utilities' Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project.
22. Dr. Jonathan Pottle, regarding Manuel Ellis's family and the City budget.
23. Michelle, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations, Manuel Ellis, and the City budget.
24. Theresa Power-Drutis, regarding homelessness.
25. Rachael Otto, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
26. Blair Englebrecht, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
27. Haiku, regarding Community Forum, Manuel Ellis, and Tideflats Interim Regulations.
28. Dana Levy, regarding Manuel Ellis's family, the City budget, and the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
29. Shannon Lopez, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations, Manuel Ellis's family, and the firing of police officers.
30. Elle Grey, regarding Resolution No. 40636, Manuel Ellis's family, and the firing of police officers.
31. Courtney Stoker, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations, systems transformation, and Community Forum.
32. James Williams, regarding the TPD and the City budget.
33. Dylan, regarding Manuel Ellis's family, the City budget, and the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
34. Randee Moll, regarding Community Forum, School Resource Officers (SRO), and Manuel Ellis.
35. Kathy Lawhon, regarding the NWIPC, the Tideflats Interim Regulations, body worn cameras, the City budget, and mask compliance.
36. Stacy Oaks, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
37. Alexa Folsom-Hill, regarding the City budget, the Tideflats Interim Regulations, Resolution No. 40622, and SRO.

38. Nakanee Monique McCord, regarding the TPD, SRO, and Manuel Ellis's family.
39. Holly Rydel Kelly, regarding racial justice, Manuel Ellis, the City budget, the TPD, and the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
40. Roger Martin, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
41. Nikie Walters, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
42. Dannyn Dybdahl, regarding Manuel Ellis, the firing of police officers, and Community Forum.
43. Leah Smillie, regarding Manuel Ellis, Bennie Branch, Said Joquin, the City budget, SRO, the firing of police officers, and Community Forum.
44. Jamie Fiano, regarding Community Forum, Manuel Ellis, and the firing of police officers.
45. Meredith Heller, regarding Manuel Ellis, the TPD, the City budget, and the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
46. Marcus Beauchamp, regarding homeless outreach in the City and Pierce County.

Community Forum ended at 6:26 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli invited the community to view the transformation webpage at cityoftacoma.org/transform, and further informed and invited the community to a community conversation taking place on August 13, 2020, to discuss body worn cameras, hosted by the Community's Police Advisory Committee (CPAC).

Mayor Woodards encouraged the community to participate in the community conversation for the opportunity to weigh in on the policies that will be brought forward during the transformation of the City's systems.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

There were no standing committee reports given.

Council Member McCarthy stated the City Council receives updates every week on the City's efforts towards transformation in the TPD, with this weeks update being on the body worn camera community conversation on August 13, 2020. He further stated updates received also include a timeline for next steps in regards to anti-racist budget development and new policies and programs, and that this information should also be included on the transformation webpage. Council Member McCarthy concluded by explaining that most discussions on topics occur during City Council's study session or Committee of the Whole, he further stated that he would like the information provided at those meetings to be easy to find for the public, and invited the community to tune into the meetings to hear the discussions.

Mayor Woodards stated that the transformation webpage provides information on what the City is currently working on, including a work plan, categories, and updates the Council Members receive; and encouraged the community to visit the webpage.

Council Member Ushka inquired about when an update on the Manuel Ellis investigation will be provided by Washington State Patrol (WSP) and if the information will be posted on the transformation webpage or another location where the public can view it. She further requested an update on the Tacoma Public Schools contract with SRO's, in regards to schools closures. Council Member Ushka concluded by stating she attended the Tacoma Emergency Micro-Shelters Site's first Community Advisory Committee meeting, and informed the public there are volunteer opportunities and needs at the Site if people are interested in helping.

Council Member Walker informed the community on how helpful Public Comment has been for the Council Members as they are working on transformation and policy making, and thanked everyone for their comments and emails. She concluded by thanking the CPAC for working with the Council Members on policy work and taking the lead on the body worn camera community conversation and community outreach, and encouraged the community to tune into the CPAC meetings.

Council Member Hunter provided the community information on how to view City Council study session meetings and materials, and further asked for clarification on where to receive updates from the WSP on the Manuel Ellis investigation.

Mayor Woodards further reminded everyone that COVID-19 is still amongst us, and asked everyone to wear their mask, wash their hands, and stay safe.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk