



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**October 19, 2021**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

All Council Members participated virtually.

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Hines 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 Hines.

## 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. [21-0991](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, June 9, 2021.
2. [21-0992](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, July 14, 2021.
3. [21-0993](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, August 11, 2021.
4. [21-0986](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, August 4, 2021.
5. [21-0987](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, August 18, 2021.

6. [21-0997](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, September 8, 2021.
7. [21-0996](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, October 4, 2021.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

8. [21-1001](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, May 4, 2021.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

9. [RES40851](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, November 9, 2021, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Ad Valorem and Emergency Medical Services tax levies for 2022.  
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]
10. [RES40852](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, November 9, 2021, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed modifications to the 2021-2022 Biennial Operating Budget, 2021-2022 Capital Budget, and the 2021-2026 Capital Facilities Program.  
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40851 and 40852.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40851 and 40852. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

11. [21-0998](#) Proclaiming Thursday, October 21, 2021, as Community Conflict Resolution Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Thursday, October 21, 2021, as Community Conflict Resolution Day and presented the proclamation to Maralise Hood Quan, Executive Director, Center for Dialog and Resolution.

12. [21-1000](#) Proclaiming October 2021 as Italian American Heritage and Culture Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 2021 as Italian American Heritage and Culture Month and presented the proclamation to David Madrid, President, Sons of Italy.

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to suspend the rules to add a joint statement to the agenda regarding the actions underway to address community safety.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

12A. [21-1030](#) Joint statement regarding “the actions underway to address community safety”.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to approve the joint statement regarding the actions underway to address community safety.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:41 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kyle Jolibois, speaking on the joint statement regarding the actions underway to address community safety.
2. Melissa Knott, speaking on the joint statement regarding the actions underway to address community safety.
3. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on the joint statement regarding the actions underway to address community safety.

Public Comment ended at 5:52 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

13. [RES40853](#) A resolution confirming the dissolution of the Foss Waterway Development Authority on December 31, 2020, providing documentation for those outside entities and organizations requiring such confirmation for ongoing City of Tacoma activities and actions necessary to the Foss Waterway management.  
[Patricia Beard, Business Development Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40853.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

14. [RES40854](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Lease Agreement with Pierce Conservation District, for the use of approximately 0.49 acres of Environmental Services Solid Waste property located at 4326 South 36th Street, for implementing the Urban Agriculture Pilot Program to leverage public lands and to increase urban food security, for a three-year period, retroactive to September 1, 2021. [Susie Rogers, Senior Real Estate Officer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works; Michael P. Slevin, III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40854.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

15. [RES40855](#) A resolution approving a new General Fund Reserve Policy to update the process and use of reserves and to set reserve levels. [Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40855.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

16. [ORD28782](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, by amending Section 1.12.229, entitled “VEBA Accounts”, regarding changes to contributions of unused and accrued leave by eligible nonrepresented employees at the time of retirement.  
[Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28782.**

**The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

17. [ORD28783](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, by amending Section 1.12.248, entitled “Personal Time Off plan”, to change the annual cash-out provisions for nonrepresented employees, effective January 1, 2022.  
[Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28783.**

**The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

## 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 October 5, 2021, special meeting, the Committee received presentations on the monthly budget update, COVID-19 metrics for in-person meetings, and the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption Program policy; and at today's meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption Program policy. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on November 2, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.,

through Zoom, and will include a continued discussion on the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption Program policy and a presentation on the monthly budget update.

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Council Member Hunter addressed comments made during Public Comment regarding the joint statement on the actions underway to address community safety.

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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, Hunter, Hines, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk