



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**June 22, 2021**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Beale, Hines, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and McCarthy

Deputy Mayor Blocker arrived at 5:04 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Hunter 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 Hunter.

## 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

2. [21-0599](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, January 12, 2021.
3. [21-0600](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, January 26, 2021.
4. [21-0601](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, February 16, 2021.
1. [21-0598](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, April 14, 2021.

- 5. [21-0602](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, May 10, 2021.
- 6. [21-0603](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission special meeting, May 22, 2021.
- 7. [21-0604](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission special meeting, June 6, 2021.

### CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items.

### PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Mayor Blocker arrived here, at 5:04 p.m.

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- 8. [21-0616](#) Recognizing Carla Santorno, Superintendent, Tacoma Public Schools.

Mayor Woodards recognized Carla Santorno, Superintendent, Tacoma Public Schools, and presented the recognition to Ms. Santorno.

- 9. [21-0620](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented an update on systems transformation, including new items, noting City Council actions and Heal the Heart of Tacoma, new policies and transforming existing programs, current state analysis of the Tacoma Police Department, administrative changes and process improvements; recent accomplishments and items in progress or up next; and short- and long-range transformation timelines.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:22 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received one written comment for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28770, regarding eliminating the eight-year Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption in mixed-use centers designated “very high” opportunity, based on the City’s Equity Index.

Speaking before the City Council:

- 1. Phil, speaking on traffic issues on Sheridan Avenue.

2. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution Nos. 40803 through 40805.
3. Les Pogue, Jr., speaking on Resolution Nos. 40803 through 40805.

Public Comment ended at 5:32 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES40803](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with 1555 Tacoma Ave S LLC, for the development of 86 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 1555 Tacoma Avenue South, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.  
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40803.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

11. [RES40804](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with CJG LLC, for the development of 20 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 4329 South Puget Sound Avenue, in the Tacoma Mall Mixed-Use Center.  
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40804.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

12. [RES40805](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with 4312 S Puget Sound Ave, LLC, for the development of 20 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 4312 South Puget Sound Avenue, in the Tacoma Mall Mixed-Use Center.  
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40805.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

13. [RES40806](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement and a Development Agreement, with Foss Harbor, LLC, in the total amount of \$1,979,000, for Sites 9 and 10 on the Foss Waterway; to supersede prior agreements, update terms, and remove a previously approved and recorded covenant on Site 9. [Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works; Pat Beard, Business Development Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40806.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

## **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

14. [ORD28770](#) (Continued from the meeting of September 28, 2021) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.110 of the Municipal Code, entitled “Property Tax Exemptions for Multi-Family Housing”, to eliminate the eight-year Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption in mixed-use centers designated “very high” opportunity, based on the City’s Equity Index, effective 90 days after passage of this ordinance. [Council Member Hines]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28770 was set over for final reading next week.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

**COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Walker, Vice Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the May 26, 2021, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Planning Commission, received a presentation on active transportation and bike boulevards, and discussed Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations; and at the June 9, 2021, meeting, the Committee discussed and received presentations on the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on June 23, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include a continued discussion and presentations on the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations.

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

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

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Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that Virtual Forum will follow after the regular meeting adjourns.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk