



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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July 21, 2020

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 2 - Beale and McCarthy

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

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, as well as John Lewis and C. T. Vivian.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [20-0446](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, June 24, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items.

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 eight written comments for

Public Comment on Resolution No. 40630, regarding the amendment to the agreement with Low Income Housing Institute; and five written comments regarding the Police Department, the Northwest ICE Processing Center, and support for the City's Office of Equity and Human Rights.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

2. [RES40628](#) A resolution revising the appointments of City Council Members to various national, state, regional, and local committees, boards, and commissions, including the City Council's Standing Committees, for the year 2020.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40628.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and McCarthy

RESOLUTIONS

3. [RES40629](#) A resolution approving and promulgating the updated City of Tacoma Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.
[Ute Scofield, Emergency Manager; Toryono Green, Fire Chief]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40629.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and McCarthy

4. [RES40630](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Low Income Housing Institute, in the amount of \$775,667, budgeted from Housing and Urban Development Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds and CARES Act funding from Pierce County, to expand temporary shelter bed capacity by developing and managing a temporary emergency micro-shelter site, located at East 60th Street and McKinley Avenue, through December 31, 2020.
[Allyson Griffith, Assistant Director; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40630.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and McCarthy

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

5. [ORD28683](#) An ordinance authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with RockTenn, CP LLC, d.b.a. WestRock CP LLC, to extend the agreement for an initial period of one year, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods.
[Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent; Jackie Flowers, Director, Tacoma Public Utilities]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28683 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided an update on the City's Rental Assistance Program, stating Living Access Support Alliance (LASA) administers the Program, 179 payments have been made totaling \$160,163.15, applications for round two of lottery funding resulted in 146 unduplicated applications, LASA expects to complete initial contacts with all applicants by end of day, and applicants may

receive a one-time payment of up to \$1,000 based on a criteria. She concluded by stating LASA is partnering with Pierce County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program to ensure that all applicants maximize their access to rental assistance resources, and the City's Rental Assistance Fund at the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation has received 12 gift donations totaling \$2,800.

Discussion ensued regarding the Rental Assistance Program, including the number of payments made, the total amount paid out, the process, and consideration of additional lottery funding rounds as well as updates to the process and sharing the results.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

There were no standing committee reports given.

Mayor Woodards shared that at study session today, the City Council voted to support the Community Commitment for Safe Youth in partnership with Graduate Tacoma; and stated Tacoma faces a projected loss of approximately 4,000 summer program slots that provide youth with safe and supportive spaces, and because of this, Graduate Tacoma reached out to the City and other community stakeholders to work together in developing guidance that centers on four basic principals of how Tacoma can support youth this summer and beyond. She concluded by announcing the four principals, including Create and Nurture Welcoming Environments; Stop, Listen, and Engage with Youth; Check your Emotions; and Give Grace; she announced that if you are a business owner or individual that would like to take this pledge, you will get a sticker to place in your business or car so youth know where a safe space is; and provided a website where community members can sign up to participate.

Mayor Woodards further announced that she signed on to former President Barack Obama's Mayor's Pledge, to support police reform that is done in partnership with the Obama Foundation and My Brother's Keeper; the Mayor's Pledge asks for cities across the nation to take the following actions: review your police use of force policies; engage your communities by including a diverse range of input, experiences, and stories in your review; report the findings of your review to your community and seek feedback; and reform your community's police use of force policies.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to excuse Council Members Beale and McCarthy from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and McCarthy

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Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that COVID-19 cases are still rising in Tacoma and Pierce County, and asked everyone to wear your mask, wash your hands, and social distance.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk