



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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June 01, 2021

12:00 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Blocker called the special meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

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.

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

Mayor Woodards arrived at 12:05 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

BRIEFING ITEM

1. [21-0546](#) A Brief Update on the Administrative Review of the Officers Involved in the Manuel Ellis Death.

At approximately 12:03 p.m., City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided a brief update on the administrative review of the Police Officers involved in the death of Manuel Ellis, including the City's pending request for records from the Washington State Patrol, staff review of the records received so far, notices sent to the charged officers to officially begin the administrative process, confirmation that the officers are currently on paid administrative leave, and the plan to provide weekly updates to the City Council and the public at alternating study sessions and meetings going forward.

Discussion ensued regarding the impact of waiting for records from other agencies, the Internal Affairs investigation process, and consideration of the scope and records from prior investigations by other agencies.

2. [21-0547](#) An Update on the Communication Plan Related to the Administrative Review Process.

This item was addressed with item 1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Potential Litigation

MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to convene to an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(i) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii) to discuss potential litigation, not to exceed 30 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 12:05 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre, Deputy City Attorney Mike Smith, and Nicolas Brown, Partner, Pacifica Law Group, were in attendance.

Mayor Woodards arrived here, at 12:05 p.m.

The Executive Session was extended for 30 minutes at 12:35 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded, and the special meeting reconvened, at 12:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the special meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk