



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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November 09, 2021

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Woodards 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 Thoms.

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. [21-1069](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, June 24, 2021.
2. [21-1091](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, May 18, 2021.
3. [21-1092](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, June 1, 2021.
4. [21-1094](#) Minutes of the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board, July 15, 2021.
5. [21-1064](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, September 15, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

6. [ORD28784](#) An ordinance reclassifying three parcels of real property, totaling approximately 19,628 square feet, located at 8638, 8640, and 8642 “A” Street, from an R-2 Single-Family Dwelling District to an R-4-L Low-Density Multiple-Family Dwelling District, for the construction of seven to 13 units of housing. (Trung Do's Goldsmith Services, Inc.; File No. LU21-0109)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including first reading of Ordinance No. 28784.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28784.

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

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, and setting Ordinance No. 28784 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. [21-1099](#) Proclaiming Thursday, November 11, 2021, as Veterans Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Thursday, November 11, 2021, as Veterans Day and presented the proclamation to Council Members Thoms and Ushka.

- 8. [21-1096](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition: Aaron Wilson.

Mayor Woodards recognized Aaron Wilson and presented the Compassionate Tacoma recognition to Mr. Wilson.

- 9. [21-1095](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented an update on systems transformation, including new items, noting the internal, organizational, anti-racist transformation mission, vision, and values; the City Council priority area related to living wage jobs; an organizational anti-racist transformation strategy; dashboard cameras; communication strategy assessment and recommendations; Tacoma Police Department Chief recruitment, noting an interview and engagement schedule; and a presentation of state and federal priorities at the November 9, 2021, joint study session with the Public Utility Board. She concluded by reviewing the transformation timeline and history.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to add Ordinance No. 28756, regarding unlawful use of public property, to tonight's agenda.

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

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 17, Ordinance No. 28756, regarding unlawful use of public property, at this time.

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

17. [ORD28756](#) (Continued from the meeting of August 31, 2021) An ordinance amending Title 8 of the Municipal Code, relating to Public Safety, by adding a new Chapter 8.19, entitled “Use of Public Property”, to align with the amended declaration of emergency and providing a comprehensive response to public health concerns related to camping and storage of personal items on public property.
[Council Member Thoms]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to refer Ordinance No. 28756, regarding unlawful use of public property, to the Community Vitality and Safety Committee for consideration of alternatives, and to use best efforts to report back to the full City Council by the end of the year.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:42 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received 69 written comments for Public Comment on Resolution No. 40866, regarding Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption (MFTE) and Ordinance No. 28786, regarding Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Annemarie Dooley, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
2. Matthew Mauer, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
3. Rachel Haxtema, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
4. Julie Andrzejewski, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
5. William Kupinse, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
6. Kamber Good, speaking on Resolution No. 40866 and Ordinance No. 28770.
7. Iris Antman, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
8. Jordan Van Voast, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
9. Peter Fink, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
10. Liz Kearny, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
11. Ingrid Archibald, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
12. Nancy Ferree-Clark, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
13. Max, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
14. Kari Bull, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.

15. Anna Doty, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
16. Lucinda, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
17. Andrew Troske, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
18. Dakota Rash, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
19. Pete Weymiller, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
20. Stacey Oaks, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
21. Barbara Church, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
22. John Carlton, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
23. Yvonne McCarty, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
24. Stephanie Hillman, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
25. Elle Grey, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
26. Kathy Hewitt, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
27. Josef Barlow-Farrar, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
28. Sean Arent, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
29. Joy Catick, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
30. Anne Kroeker, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
31. Marquis King Mason, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
32. Cathy Carruthers, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
33. Les Pogue Jr., speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
34. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
35. Kyle Jolibois, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
36. Carol Ann Mangan, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
37. Katie Barlow-Farrar, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
38. Lindsay Bell, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
39. Kimber Starr, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
40. Megan Selvage, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
41. Brett Anton, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
42. Neal Anderson, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
43. Erin Dilworth, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
44. Nikie Walters, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
45. John McCarthy, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
46. Kristin Ang, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
47. Michael Yadrick, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
48. Chrissy Cooley, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.
49. Esther Day, speaking on Ordinance No. 28786.

Public Comment ended at 7:05 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. [21-1097](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Kristi Croskey v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 19-2-10697-8, relating to plaintiff’s claimed damages stemming from her involvement in a police incident, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$100,000.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Kristi Croskey v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 19-2-10697-8, relating to plaintiffs claimed damages stemming from her involvement in a police incident, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$100,000.

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

RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES40862](#) A resolution designating two Environmental Services projects as Special Projects of Limited Duration, and designating general salary classifications and benefits for persons employed on the projects.

[Hugh Messer, Operations and Maintenance Division Manager;
Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40862.

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. [RES40863](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with District Lodge No. 160, on behalf of Local Lodge No. 297 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Rail Mechanics Unit, consisting of 16 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40863.

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. [RES40864](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with District Lodge No. 160, on behalf of Local Lodge No. 297 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Track Workers Unit, consisting of eight budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40864.

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

14. [RES40865](#) A resolution designating the name “Brewery Blocks” for an area bounded between South 21st Street and South 23rd Street, and between Pacific Avenue to the east and the yet-to-be-developed public thoroughfare known as the Prairie Line Trail to the west.

[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40865.

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

15. [RES40866](#) A resolution supporting the proposed changes to the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption (“MFTE”), as recommended and approved by the Government Performance and Finance Committee; amending the City’s MFTE to align with state law; eliminating the eight-year MFTE in mixed-use centers designated “very high” opportunity based on the City’s Equity Index; requiring the City Council to revisit the changes to the MFTE program in three years; and directing the City Manager to explore other changes to enhance the City’s use of the MFTE.

[Council Member Hines]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40866.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to amend Resolution No. 40866, by amending Page 3, Line 13, of Resolution No. 40866 to add the following paragraph:

“WHEREAS, during the November 2, 2021, Study Session, the City Council discussed the value of commercial businesses in the “neighborhood nodes” as defined through the Home in Tacoma process where multifamily housing is currently allowed, and”

She further moved to amend Page 3, Line 19, of Resolution No. 40866 by adding the following language after the word “Committee”:

", with an additional requirement that buildings using a 12- or 20-year MFTE in “neighborhood nodes” as defined through the Home in Tacoma process would be required to incorporate a commercial use on the first floor of the project."

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

The amendment had substantive changes and public comment was taken.

No individuals addressed the City Council.

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

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

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

Nays: 1 - Beale

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

16. [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: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28770. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Blocker, Hines, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Nays: 1 - Beale

Absent: 2 - Hunter and McCarthy

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

- 17. [ORD28756](#) (Continued from the meeting of August 31, 2021) An ordinance amending Title 8 of the Municipal Code, relating to Public Safety, by adding a new Chapter 8.19, entitled “Use of Public Property”, to align with the amended declaration of emergency and providing a comprehensive response to public health concerns related to camping and storage of personal items on public property.
[Council Member Thoms]

Ordinance No. 28756 was considered and referred to the Community Vitality and Safety Committee earlier in the meeting.

- 18. [ORD28785](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for employees represented by District Lodge No. 160, on behalf of Local Lodge No. 297 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Rail Mechanics Unit and Track Workers Unit.
[Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28785 was set over for final reading next week.

- 19. [ORD28786](#) An ordinance amending Titles 13 and 19 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Land Use Regulatory Code and Shoreline Master Program, by amending various chapters in Title 13, and by repealing and replacing Title 19 in its entirety, to adopt the Tideflats and Industrial Land Use Regulations as recommended by the Planning Commission and modified by the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee; and replacing Amended Ordinance No. 28470, Tideflats Interim Regulations, as approved by the City Council, and as previously extended by Ordinance Nos. 28542, 28583, 28619, 28671, and Amended Ordinance No. 28696 and 28759.
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28786 was set over for final reading next week.

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- 26. [21-1027](#) This is the date set 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]

The public hearing began at 8:14 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received no written comment for the public hearing.

No individuals addressed the City Council.

The public hearing ended at 8:18 p.m.

- 27. [21-1028](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed modifications to the 2021-2022 Biennial Operating Budget. [Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

The public hearing began at 8:20 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received three written comments for the public hearing.

No individuals addressed the City Council.

The public hearing ended at 8:20 p.m.

- 28. [21-1029](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed modifications to the Capital Budget and 2021-2026 Capital Facilities Program. [Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

The public hearing began at 8:20 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received no written comment for the public hearing.

No individuals addressed the City Council.

The public hearing ended at 8:20 p.m.

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20. [ORD28787](#) An ordinance authorizing an increase in the Ad Valorem general property tax revenue collection in terms of both dollars and percentage for the general property tax levy in 2022.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28787 was set over for final reading next week.

21. [ORD28788](#) An ordinance fixing the amount of the Ad Valorem tax levies necessary to identify the amount of the estimated revenues from property tax levies to match estimated expenditures for debt service and other funding requirements.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28788 was set over for final reading next week.

22. [ORD28789](#) An ordinance authorizing an increase for the Emergency Medical Services property tax levy in terms of both dollars and percentage.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28789 was set over for final reading next week.

23. [ORD28790](#) An ordinance fixing the amount of the Emergency Medical Services levy necessary to identify the amount of the estimated revenues from the property tax levy to match estimated expenditures for debt service and other funding requirements.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28790 was set over for final reading next week.

24. [ORD28791](#) An ordinance modifying the 2021-2022 Biennial Operating Budget to appropriate funds for contractual obligations, transfers, and other budget adjustments; authorizing interfund transfers and contributions; and accepting, depositing, and appropriating miscellaneous donations, contributions, and/or fees.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28791 was set over for final reading next week.

25. [ORD28792](#) An ordinance modifying the Capital Budget to recognize changes in transfers, additional revenues, and budget adjustments.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28792 was set over for final reading next week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

26. [21-1027](#) This is the date set 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]

The public hearing was held earlier in the meeting.

27. [21-1028](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed modifications to the 2021-2022 Biennial Operating Budget.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

The public hearing was held earlier in the meeting.

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[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

The public hearing was held earlier in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 8:24 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 32 written comments for Community Forum regarding the Climate Action Plan, a homeless camp near South "I" Street, the Home in Tacoma Project, and COVID-19 restrictions.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Matt, regarding MFTEs, the City budget, and homelessness.
2. Nikie Walters, regarding appreciation for Council Member Beale and the Brewery Blocks.
3. Les Pogue Jr., regarding liquefied natural gas and the Port of Tacoma.

4. Kyle Jolibois, regarding the Port of Tacoma, crime, and the Pierce County Sheriff.
5. Logan Harvey, regarding area median income, affordable housing, short-term rental limitations, and the Home in Tacoma Project.
6. Stacey Oaks, regarding City Council meetings and a letter from the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.
7. Josef Barlow-Farrar, regarding Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations.
8. Kathy Lawhon, regarding positive COVID-19 tests.
9. Hugh Winskill, regarding the Home in Tacoma Project.
10. Cheryl Kopec, regarding environmental responsibility and the Puyallup Tribe of Indians fireworks.

Community Forum ended at 8:42 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Thoms, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported at the October 26, 2021, meeting, the Committee received a presentation on Tacoma Public Utilities' economic development; and at today's meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the outdoor dining program. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on November 23, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., through Zoom, and will include a presentation on Tacoma Venues and Events.

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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

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk