



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**June 08, 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:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

All Council Members participated virtually.

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Beale 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 Beale.

## 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. [21-0531](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, February 11, 2021.
2. [21-0532](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, February 25, 2021.
3. [21-0533](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, March 11, 2021.
4. [21-0534](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, March 25, 2021.
5. [21-0535](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, April 8, 2021.

6. [21-0536](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee April 22, 2021.
7. [21-0539](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, May 12, 2021.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

8. [21-0525](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, March 16, 2021.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

9. [RES40795](#) A resolution confirming the appointment of individuals to the Heal the Heart Core Coordinating Team.  
[Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Blocker, and Council Member Ushka]

### **RESOLUTIONS**

10. [RES40790](#) A resolution setting Monday, June 28, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner to consider Local Improvement District No. 7732 for the conversion of the overhead primary electrical distribution, telephone, and cable television systems to underground along:
  - Cascade Avenue from North 13th Street to the cul-de-sac north of North 17th Street;
  - The alley between Cascade Avenue and Fir Street from North 13th Street north to 1528 Cascade Avenue;
  - Fir Street from North 15th Street to the cul-de-sac north of North 17th Street;
  - North 13th Street from Cascade Avenue to the alley between Cascade Avenue and Fir Street;
  - North 15th Street from Jackson Avenue to Fir Street; and
  - North 17th Street from Jackson Avenue to Juniper Street.[Ralph Rodriguez, LID Administrator; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

11. [ORD28750](#) An ordinance vacating a five-foot wide strip of air rights over a westerly portion of Tacoma Avenue South, lying south of South 14th Street, to facilitate design options for a residential apartment building.  
(1402 Tacoma LLC; File No. 124.1422)  
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40790 and final reading of Ordinance No. 28750.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to move Resolution No. 40795, regarding the confirmation of individuals to the Heal the Heart Core Coordinating Team, from the Consent Agenda, to the Regular Agenda, as Item 15A.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to move Resolution No. 40795 from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda, as Item 15A. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40790, final reading of Ordinance No. 28750, and moving Resolution No. 40795 to the Regular Agenda. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. [21-0553](#) Recognizing Sue Dreier, Chief Executive Officer, Pierce Transit.

Mayor Woodards recognized Sue Dreier, Chief Executive Officer, Pierce Transit, and presented the recognition to Ms. Dreier.

13. [21-0566](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition.

Mayor Woodards recognized Vaccine Bookers and presented the Compassionate Tacoma recognition to Bonnie McGuire, Carolyn Ho, and Susan Schreurs, Vaccine Bookers.

14. [21-0555](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented an update on systems transformation, including new items, noting Heal the Heart of Tacoma, anti-racist budgeting, and economic recovery; 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 5:32 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for Public Comment on Resolution No. 40789, regarding the Tacoma Town Center.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Nolan Hibbard-Pelly, speaking on Resolution No. 40795.
2. Alton McDonald, speaking on Ordinance No. 28764.
3. Les Pogue Jr., speaking on Resolution No. 40795.
4. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution No. 40795.
5. Tara Brown, speaking on Resolution No. 40795.

Public Comment ended at 5:47 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

15. [21-0554](#) A motion may be considered to concur with the May 26, 2021, recommendation of the Public Utility Board, and to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all property damage claims against the City by Benjamin Dugan, Claim No. W-019-21, relating to a broken water main, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$42,221.90.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to concur with the May 26, 2021, recommendation of the Public Utility Board, and to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all property damage claims against the City by Benjamin Dugan, Claim No. W-019-21, relating to a broken water main, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$42,221.90.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

- 15A. [RES40795](#) A resolution confirming the appointment of individuals to the Heal the Heart Core Coordinating Team.  
[Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Blocker, and Council Member Ushka]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40795.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

## RESOLUTIONS

16. [RES40789](#) (Continued from the meeting of May 25, 2021) A resolution authorizing the approval of an Assignment of Interest in the Purchase, Sale, and Development Agreement from North America Asset Management Group, LLC, to Tacoma Town Center Parcels, LLC, to facilitate an opportunity zone investment and complete buildout of the mixed-use project, located between South 21st to South 23rd Streets, from Jefferson to Tacoma Avenues, directly south of the University of Washington Tacoma. [Elly Walkowiak, Assistant Director; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development; Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40789.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

17. [RES40791](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Clerical Unit, consisting of 181 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. 40791.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

18. [RES40792](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of \$1,500, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to support neighborhood outreach efforts by the Safe Streets Campaign around and near Alling Park, located in the south end of Tacoma, to address illegal use of fireworks.  
[Council Members Beale and Hunter]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40792.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

19. [RES40793](#) A resolution authorizing the use of up to \$10,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Funds, for expenditures related to the 2021 Tacoma Reads Together Program.  
[Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Blocker, and Council Member Walker]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40793.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

20. [RES40794](#) A resolution requesting the Planning Commission to review the prohibition of shipping containers for accessory building and storage uses and to explore options for allowing shipping containers to be reused for innovative housing solutions to address the housing shortage and affordability crisis in the City.  
[Mayor Woodards and Council Members Beale and Walker]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40794.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

21. [ORD28757](#) An ordinance creating a new fund, to be known and designated as the “American Rescue Plan Fund”, for the dedication, segregation, and tracking of any funds received related to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.  
[Reid Bennion, Lead Budget Analyst; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28757. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

22. [ORD28764](#) An ordinance amending the Biennial Operating Budget of the City for fiscal years 2021-2022 for recommended budget adjustments that were not identifiable before the approval of the 2021-2022 adopted budget.  
[Reid Bennion, Lead Budget Analyst; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28764. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards



23. [ORD28765](#) An ordinance amending the Capital Budget of the City for fiscal years 2021-2022 for recommended budget adjustments and Council-approved capital projects with outstanding balances.  
[Reid Bennion, Lead Budget Analyst; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28765.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

24. [ORD28766](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.07 of the Municipal Code, relating to Equity in Contracting, to clarify language and the waiver process, and replace outdated language, regarding the equity and contracting program.  
[Carol Wolfe, Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28766.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

25. [ORD28767](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 3.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to fireworks, to reclassify the use of illegal fireworks from a Class 2 civil infraction to a Class 1 civil infraction, to promote public safety.  
[Council Members Beale and Hunter]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28767.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

26. [ORD28768](#) 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 the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Clerical Unit; the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen; and the position of City Manager.  
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28768 was set over for final reading next week.**

27. [ORD28769](#) An ordinance adopting the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amended for the years 2021 and 2022-2027.  
[Jennifer Kammerzell, Principal Engineer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28769 was set over for final reading next week.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **COMMUNITY FORUM**

Community Forum began at 6:32 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received three written comments for Community Forum, regarding the Home in Tacoma Project and the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jaleesa, regarding the Community Trauma Response Team.
2. Sally Perkins, regarding the Alternative Response Study.
3. Marquis King Mason, regarding City leadership and accountability.
4. Nolan Hibbard-Pelly, regarding the Home in Tacoma Project, Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations, and Manuel Ellis.
5. Kathy Lawhon, regarding Manuel Ellis and rental assistance.
6. Miriam, regarding City leadership, accountability, and transparency.

Community Forum ended at 6:42 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 that at the May 25, 2021, meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the proposal for the Foss Harbor, LLC mixed-use development project; and at the June 8, 2021, meeting, the Committee received a presentation on establishing a 5G Innovation Lab for the Tideflats. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be on June 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., through Zoom, and will include a presentation on the Old City Hall project.

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Council Member Beale addressed a comment from Community Forum regarding the Community Trauma Response Team.

Mayor Woodards stated reasons to be hopeful during COVID-19; and informed everyone of who can receive the vaccine, the importance of receiving it, and incentives that are being offered for receiving it. She concluded by asking everyone to continue receiving vaccines, wear their masks, and wash their hands.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk