



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**November 24, 2020**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

All Council Members participated virtually.

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Hines 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 Hines.

## 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. [20-0870](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, September 24, 2020.
2. [20-0863](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, February 12, 2020.
3. [20-0864](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, October 14, 2020.
4. [20-0896](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, September 9, 2020.
5. [20-0897](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, September 23, 2020.

6. [20-0893](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, October 28, 2020.
7. [20-0894](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, November 6, 2020.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

8. [20-0882](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 13, 2020.

### **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

9. [ORD28719](#) An ordinance vacating portions of Commerce Street and South 7th Street, to cure existing building encroachments on the perimeter of the building known as Old City Hall. (City of Tacoma; File No. 124.1410)  
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including first reading of Ordinance No. 28719.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28719.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including setting Ordinance No. 28719 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. [20-0895](#) Proclaiming Saturday, November 28, 2020, as Small Business Saturday.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed November 28, 2020, as Small Business Saturday and presented the proclamation to Mr. Abe Fox, Co-owner, Wooden City Tacoma, and Mr. Pat and Ms. Gail Ringrose, Owners, T Town Apparel.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:21 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received three written comments for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28710, regarding Electric Energy – Regulations and Rates; Ordinance No. 28711, regarding Water – Regulations and Rates; and Ordinance No. 28718, regarding the Biennial Operating Budget.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Matt Frank, speaking on Ordinance No. 28718.
2. Todd Briske, speaking on Ordinance No. 28718.
3. Jonathan Pottle, speaking on Ordinance No. 28718.
4. Jonathan "Mike" Andrews, speaking on Ordinance No. 28718.
5. Kristopher Hampton, speaking on Ordinance No. 28718.
6. Lukas Barfield, speaking on Ordinance No. 28718.
7. Naomi Simila-Dickinson, speaking on Ordinance No. 28718.
8. Kenneth Stepien, speaking on Ordinance No. 28718.
9. Tony Kuzma, speaking on Ordinance No. 28718.
10. Dee Sonntag, speaking on Ordinance No. 28718.
11. Devin Rydel Kelly, speaking on Ordinance No. 28718.

Public Comment ended at 5:44 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

11. [20-0902](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Walter S. Dailey v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 18-2-06959-4, relating to claims associated with his prior City employment, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$130,000.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Walter S. Dailey v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 18-2-06959-4, relating to claims associated with his prior City employment, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$130,000.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

## RESOLUTIONS

12. [RES40690](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Water Division Unit, to create a new classification entitled Water Systems Operations Supervisor. [Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40690.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

13. [RES40691](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Water Pollution Control Unit, regarding clarification of holiday pay for employees.  
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40691.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

14. [RES40692](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters Local Union No. 117, Tacoma Venues and Events Unit, consisting of 23 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.  
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40692.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

15. [RES40693](#) A resolution updating the Planning and Development Services Financial Policy and Fee Schedule, to include the addition of a Fire Construction Permit Fee Section, effective January 1, 2021.

[Corey Newton, P.E., Site and Building Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40693.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

16. [RES40694](#) A resolution approving the General Government Fee Schedule for special and miscellaneous services, to include charges to the public for various departmental services.

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

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40694.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

17. [RES40695](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of agreements with multiple vendors, in the amount of \$23,061,338, budgeted from a combination of various funds, to provide stability for providers and ensure continued essential services for the Tacoma community during the COVID-19 pandemic, effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022.

[Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40695.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to amend Resolution No. 40695, by increasing the authorized funding amount by \$1,000,000 for a new total of \$24,061,338 as referenced on pages 1 and 2, and to increase the amount of funding for Living Access Support Alliance by \$1,000,000 for a new total of \$1,140,000 as referenced in Exhibit “A”.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**The amendment had substantive changes and public comment was taken.**

**No individuals addressed the City Council.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the motion to amend Resolution No. 40695. The motion was declared adopted.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

18. [RES40696](#) A resolution directing the City Manager to consider the recommendations in the 2020 Comprehensive Police Staffing Study and upcoming Divertible Calls for Service Study when making staffing decisions for the Tacoma Police Department.

[Council Member McCarthy]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40696.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**Mayor Woodards made a friendly amendment to add under the “Be it Resolved” section, “to consult that study where it makes sense”.**

**The friendly amendment was accepted by Council Member McCarthy.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

19. [RES40697](#) A resolution directing the City Manager to use the Down Payment and Foreclosure Assistance disparity study, to identify disparities or displacement that resulted in disproportionate homeownership and the inaccessibility of communities of color, and particularly Black communities, to build generational wealth; and to provide an update to the City Council within six months, and recommendations no later than August 2021, to include specific budget and policy recommendations to increase Black homeownership in Tacoma, including the potential consideration of dedicating a percentage of all down payment assistance funds to Black residents.

[Council Member Ushka]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40697.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter



## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

20. [ORD28702](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Administration; repealing Chapter 6B.50, relating to Ambulances, and reenacting as a new Chapter 3.11; renaming Title 3 from “Fire” to “Fire and Emergency Medical Services”, and adding, amending, and repealing various chapters in Title 3, to modify outdated fee requirements, clarify and add language regarding emergency medical transport, and other administrative updates.  
[Teresa Green, Fire Department Manager; Toryono Green, Fire Chief]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28702.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

21. [ORD28703](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.09 of the Municipal Code, relating to Solid Waste, Recycling, and Hazardous Waste, to adjust the 2021 and 2022 rates and charges to include a 1.5 percent increase, effective January 1, 2021, a 2 percent increase, effective January 1, 2022, and a 5 percent increase in low income elderly and low income disabled discount, effective January 1, 2021.  
[Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28703 Exhibit A.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Substitute Ordinance No. 28703.**

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

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

**Nays:** 1 - McCarthy

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

22. [ORD28704](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.08 of the Municipal Code, relating to Wastewater and Surface Water Management - Regulation and Rates, to adjust the 2021 and 2022 rates and charges to include a 1.5 percent increase, effective January 1, 2021, a 2 percent increase, effective January 1, 2022, and a 5 percent increase in the low income elderly and low income disabled discount, effective January 1, 2021.  
[Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28704.**

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

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

**Nays:** 1 - McCarthy

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

23. [ORD28705](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, to add a new Section 12.06.166, entitled “Prepaid residential service - Schedule PR”, to allow for payment of electric service in advance of usage, effective January 1, 2021.  
[Bill Berry, Rates, Planning, and Analysis Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28705.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

24. [ORD28706](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, to add a new Section 12.06.373, entitled “Electrofuel service pilot - Schedule EF”, to allow for electrochemical production of low carbon-content fuels usable for transportation or electrical energy storage, effective April 1, 2021.  
[Bill Berry, Rates, Planning, and Analysis Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28706.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

25. [ORD28707](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, to add a new Section 12.06.265, entitled “New large load service - Schedule NLL”, to codify the rate to be charged to new large loads to be consistent with other rates, effective April 1, 2021, and April 1, 2022. [Bill Berry, Rates, Planning, and Analysis Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28707.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

26. [ORD28708](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, to add a new Section 12.06.372, entitled “Shore power - Schedule SP”, to allow ships at the Port of Tacoma to use electric power instead of burning bunker fuel while in port, effective April 1, 2021, and April 1, 2022. [Bill Berry, Rates, Planning, and Analysis Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28708.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

27. [ORD28709](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, to add a new subsection “E”, entitled “Customer-Owned Generation”, to Section 12.06.215, entitled “General service - Schedule G”, to compensate large customer-owned generators for the value of their excess energy, effective January 1, 2021. [Bill Berry, Rates, Planning, and Analysis Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28709.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

28. [ORD28710](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, for two rate adjustments of 1.5 percent, effective April 1, 2021, and 2 percent, effective April 1, 2022; and amending Section 12.06.165, to adjust the definition for the threshold of maximum annual household income to qualify for the low-income senior and and/or low-income disabled discount residential service, and increase the amount of discount available for customers who qualify for that service, effective January 1, 2021. [Bill Berry, Rates, Planning, and Analysis Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28710.**

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

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

**Nays:** 1 - McCarthy

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

29. [ORD28711](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to Water - Regulations and Rates, for two rate adjustments of 1.5 percent, effective January 1, 2021, and 2 percent, effective January 1, 2022. [Jodi Collins, Assistant Water Division Manager; Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28711.**

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

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

**Nays:** 1 - McCarthy

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

30. [ORD28712](#) An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20367, to redirect franchise fee revenues from the Special Revenue Fund, previously the Municipal Cable Television Program Fund, to the General Fund, to allow more flexibility in the use of private cable franchise fees. [Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28712.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

31. [ORD28713](#) An ordinance authorizing an increase in the 2020 Ad Valorem general property tax revenue collection in terms of both dollars and percentage for the general property tax levy in 2021.

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

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28713.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

32. [ORD28714](#) 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: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28714.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

The City Council meeting recessed at 7:02 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

33. [ORD28715](#) An ordinance authorizing an increase for the 2021 Emergency Medical Services property tax levy in terms of both dollars and percentage.

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

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28715.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

34. [ORD28716](#) 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: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28716.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

35. [ORD28717](#) An ordinance adopting the 2021-2026 Capital Facilities Program of the Comprehensive Plan, and adopting the 2021-2022 Capital Budget.  
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28717 Exhibit A.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Substitute Ordinance No. 28717.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

36. [ORD28718](#) An ordinance adopting the 2021-2022 Biennial Operating Budget.  
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28718 Exhibit A-1, to retain current engine service levels with Basic Life Support implementation.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and failed. Roll call vote was requested and taken. The motion was declared failed.**

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, McCarthy and Thoms

**Nays:** 5 - Beale, Blocker, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28718 Exhibit A-2, to modify current engine service levels and implement the Basic Life Support proposal.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to amend Exhibit A-2 to Reduce Fund 4300 – Wastewater by \$937,979, from \$83,731 to negative \$854,248.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to amend, Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28718 Exhibit A-2 to increase the General Fund by \$1 million from \$2,700,000 to \$3,700,000, and decrease the Emergency Medical Services Special Revenue Fund by \$1 million from \$2,500,000 to \$1,500,000.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Substitute Ordinance No. 28718, as amended. The Amended Substitute Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

**Nays:** 2 - McCarthy and Thoms

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

## **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

37.     [ORD28720](#)     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, Water Division Unit, for a new classification entitled Water Systems Operations Supervisor.  
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28720 was set over for final reading next week.**



## **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

38.     [20-0850](#)     This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the 2020 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code, as recommended by the Planning Commission.  
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

The public hearing began at 8:40 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 82 written comments for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jessie Gamble, Master Builders Association.
2. Lori Grassi, resident.
3. Gail Cline, resident.
4. Karen Kelly, resident.
5. Tom Rickey, resident.
6. Karen Bolland, resident.
7. Beth Johnson, resident.
8. Stewart Messman, resident.
9. Jean Jones, resident.
10. Beverly Grant, resident.
11. Rachel Randich, Tacoma-Pierce County Association of Realtors.
12. Marvin Vialle, resident.
13. Devin Rydel Kelly, resident.
14. Luis Alonzo, resident.
15. Shane Pettit, resident.
16. Eric Younger, resident.
17. Jim Schock, resident.
18. Michael Fast, MRF Construction, Inc.
19. Mike Fleming, resident.
20. Jane Evancho, resident.
21. Joe Quilici, resident.

The public hearing ended at 9:27 p.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli thanked the community, Council Members, and staff regarding the City budget process.

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

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Thoms, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported at the November 10, 2020, meeting, the Committee held interviews for the Tacoma Arts Commission; and at today's meeting the Committee received a presentation on the Safe and Clean Initiative. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., through Zoom, where the Committee will receive presentations on Juneteenth celebrations and retail cannabis in Tacoma.

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Mayor Woodards responded to community questions about homelessness, noting that individuals should contact the Tacoma School District to retrieve items left at Gault Middle School; that the City's warming shelter at the Eastside Community Center will remain open through the end of the year, and the City is working to expand the number of available beds; and that the City is looking for innovative responses and community input to address homelessness in the long-term. She concluded by noting the City has declared emergencies related to COVID-19, homelessness, and systemic racism; and asked everyone to stay safe during the winter months by social distancing, getting tested if they feel ill, limiting trips outside the home, and wearing face coverings.

Council Member Thoms expressed his support for more community discussions about homelessness; and thanked the New Tacoma neighborhood for hosting the Collaboration for a Cause community distribution event on November 21, 2020, which was supported by multiple local groups and served over 200 families.

Mayor Woodards reminded attendees that the Transportation Benefit District Governing Board meeting and Virtual Forum will follow after the regular meeting adjourns, and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving holiday.

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to excuse Council Member Hunter 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, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Hunter

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk