



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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June 16, 2020

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

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 or racism in our Country.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [20-0386](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, May 27, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to suspend the rules to add a proclamation to tonight's agenda, as Item 1A, proclaiming Friday, June 19, 2020, as Juneteenth Day.

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

1A. [20-0395](#) Proclaiming Friday, June 19, 2020 as Juneteenth Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Friday, June 19, 2020 as Juneteenth Day, and recognized Ray Gibson's Caballeros Club for proclaiming this historic day every year and Ms. Diane Beall for requesting the proclamation this year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:10 p.m.

Public Comment ended at 5:11 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comment for Public Comment and six written comments regarding the Police Department.

REGULAR AGENDA

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to approve the submission of a letter to our congressional delegation thanking them for their co-sponsorship of the Justice in Policing Act of 2020, a comprehensive law enforcement reform package that was introduced by the Democratic Caucus of Congress on June 8, 2020.

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

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to temporarily designate the regular, special, and study session meeting locations for the City Council and the regular and special meeting locations of the City’s Committees, Boards, and Commissions to be a “virtual” location, to comply with the Governor’s Emergency Proclamation until July 31, 2020 or earlier should the Council decide it can hold in-person meetings when Pierce County enters into Phase 3 of the Safe Start reopening program.

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

APPOINTMENTS

2. [RES40613](#) A resolution reappointing Karen Larkin to the Tacoma Public Utility Board for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2020, to expire June 30, 2025.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40613.

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

3. [RES40614](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Farrow Real Estate Holdings LLC, for the development of 14 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 715 South "I" Street, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40614.

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

4. [ORD28676](#) 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 Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen.
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28676 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Walker provided an announcement regarding the new temporary Curbside Cafe and Markets, stated further information can be found at tacomapermits.org, and explained details and benefits of the program.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli shared the Tacoma Police Department (TPD) and Police Chief Don Ramsdell's commitment to implementing all of Campaign Zero's "8 Can't Wait" policy goals for police departments, stated

the TPD reviewed the goals and has provided a response to the Department's current status on each of the goals as well as its commitment to meeting the goals that aren't presently being met, and shared Chief Ramsdell's expressed commitment to move forward on all of the goals in conjunction with the City's Citizen Police Advisory Committee (CPAC). City Manager Pauli concluded by reviewing the "8 Can't Wait" policy goals and TPD's responses, including ban on chokeholds and strangleholds, require de-escalation, require warning before shooting, exhaust all other means before shooting, the duty to intervene, ban shooting at moving vehicles, require a use of force continuum, and require comprehensive reporting.

Discussion ensued regarding the policy goals being the beginning of the process, narrowing in on what the community wants to see and what makes them feel safe, the process for how the CPAC can weigh in on how the policies move forward, City Council involvement in reviewing and making policy decisions, discussing the criminal justice system at the June 23, 2020 Committee of the Whole, implementation of the policies, upcoming topics for the next City Council study session and Committee of the Whole, community input, and reforming systems that keep people from being successful.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

There were no Standing Committee reports given.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk