



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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September 21, 2021

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:01 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 Walker 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 Walker.

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. [21-0883](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, August 25, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

2. [RES40837](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, October 5, 2021, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed amendments to Titles 13 and 19 of the Municipal Code, entitled Land Use Regulatory Code and Shoreline Master Program, as recommended by the Planning Commission and modified by the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, to replace Amended Ordinance No. 28470, Tideflats Interim Regulations, as extended by Ordinance Nos. 28542, 28583, 28619, 28671, 28696, and 28759. [Stephen Atkinson, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40837.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40837. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:03 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comment for Public Comment.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution No. 40841.

Public Comment ended at 5:07 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

3. [RES40838](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Transportation Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40838.

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

4. [RES40839](#) A resolution revising the appointments of City Council Members to various national, state, regional, and local committees, boards, and commissions, including the City Council's Standing Committees, for the year 2021.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40839.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved as a substitute, Substitute Resolution No. 40839.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

The substitute had substantive changes and public comment was taken.

No individuals addressed the City Council.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the substitution of Resolution No. 40839. 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 on the Substitute Resolution. The Substitute Resolution was declared adopted.

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

RESOLUTIONS

5. [RES40840](#) A resolution ratifying the Salmon Habitat Plan 2021 Update, for the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed, Water Resource Inventory Area 9.
[Jesse Narog, Assistant Water Division Manager; Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40840.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

6. [RES40841](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of three interest-free loan agreements with the Washington Department of Transportation, in the total amount of \$1,651,000, accepting and depositing said sum into the Tacoma Rail Fund, and further authorizing matching City funds in the amount of \$2,958,931, to partially finance three separate railroad improvement projects.
[Kyle Kellem, Roadmaster; Dale King, Rail Superintendent]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40841.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

7. [RES40842](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Tacoma Power Unit, to extend the terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, retroactive to April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2024.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40842.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

8. [RES40843](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Supervisors' Unit, to provide a mid-term wage adjustment for the classifications of Traffic Field Operations Supervisor and Fire Electrical Maintenance Supervisor.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40843.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

- 9. [ORD28778](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.01 of the Municipal Code, entitled Utility Charges, to delegate authority to the Director of the Tacoma Public Utilities Department and the Director of the Environmental Services Department to provide a credit or refund to utility customers for amounts billed in error; and providing for severability.
[Daniel C. Thompson, Ph.D., Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28778.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to consider Item 11, Ordinance No. 28780, regarding the Rental Housing Code, 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, McCarthy, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Ushka

11. [ORD28780](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.95 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Rental Housing Code, to align with new notice requirements in Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1236 and the State of Washington’s Residential Landlord-Tenant Act, to provide additional protections through just cause evictions, and to allow enforcement action.
[ChiQuata Elder, Landlord-Tenant/Crime Free Housing Coordinator;
Lisa Woods, Interim Director, Office of Equity and Human Rights]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28780.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

The substitute had substantive changes and public comment was taken.

No individuals addressed the City Council.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the substitution of Ordinance No. 28780. The motion was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Substitute Ordinance No. 28780. The Substitute Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Ushka

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

10. [ORD28779](#) 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, Tacoma Power Unit and Supervisors’ Unit.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28779 was set over for final reading next week.

- 11. [ORD28780](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.95 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Rental Housing Code, to align with new notice requirements in Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1236 and the State of Washington’s Residential Landlord-Tenant Act, to provide additional protections through just cause evictions, and to allow enforcement action.
[ChiQuata Elder, Landlord-Tenant/Crime Free Housing Coordinator; Lisa Woods, Interim Director, Office of Equity and Human Rights]

Substitute Ordinance No. 28780 was considered earlier in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported at today's meeting, the Committee received presentations on metrics for in-person public meetings and the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption Program policy; and the next meeting will be held on October 5, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., through Zoom, and will include additional presentations on the metrics for in-person public meetings, Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption Program policy, and the monthly budget update. He concluded by noting when the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption Program policy will be returning to the full City Council.

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Council Member Thoms raised awareness of several resignations from Committees, Boards, and Commissions, noting he may bring forward a letter to the Government Performance and Finance Committee to address the vacancies; and expressed appreciation for Lynda Foster and the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs for their work on addressing how the City can support the Afghanistan refugees.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk