



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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May 19, 2020

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

FLAG SALUTE

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.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [20-0356](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, April 22, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. [20-0352](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, May 5, 2020.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

3. [ORD28657](#) An ordinance vacating a 5.66 foot width of the air rights running along the north side of South 15th Street for the length of the abutting parcel addressed as 1351 Fawcett Avenue, beginning 16.5 feet above the existing grade at the southwest corner of another point 73.5 feet directly above, and extend 16.5 feet above the existing grade at the southeast corner of another point 91.2 feet directly above the right-of-way, to facilitate future development.
(1351 Fawcett LLC; File No. 124.1401)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

4. [ORD28660](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of North Adams Street, located at the southeast corner of North Adams Street and a public alleyway between North 27th and North 28th Streets, to facilitate new development.
(Rush Development Company, Inc.; File No. 124.1403)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

5. [ORD28672](#) An ordinance reclassifying the property located at 8632 “A” Street, approximately 34,245 square feet in area, from an R-2 Single-Family Dwelling District to a R-4-L Low-Density Multiple-Family Dwelling District, for the development of housing units.
(RPC Tacoma, LLC; File No. LU19-0208)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Ordinance Nos. 28657 and 28660 and first reading of Ordinance No. 28672.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28672.

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

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Ordinance Nos. 28657 and 28660 and setting Ordinance No. 28672 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

Abstain: 1 - McCarthy

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:09 p.m.

Public Comment ended at 5:10 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received six written comments for Resolution No. 40607, regarding the Micro Shelter Site, and 49 written comments for Ordinance No. 28671, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES40605](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with RDM Construction Services, LLC, for the development of four multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 617 South Anderson Street, in the Sixth Avenue Mixed-Use Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40605.

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

Abstain: 1 - McCarthy

7. [RES40606](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Robert Darmetric Maloy, for the development of 12 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 9 Clark Place, in the Tacoma Mall Mixed-Use Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40606.

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

8. [RES40607](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Lease Agreement with the Tacoma Housing Authority, for the use of property located at the corner of East 60th Street and McKinley Avenue, for the establishment and operation of a temporary emergency micro shelter site, through December 31, 2021.
[Allyson Griffith, Assistant Director; Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40607.

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

9. [ORD28670](#) An ordinance authorizing the financing through a Local Agency Lease with the Office of the State Treasurer, to purchase equipment and other property and to make the improvements required to develop a process to convert bio-gas into usable energy in the form of clean, renewable natural gas, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and generate enough revenues to repay the financing.
[Teresa Sedmak, City Treasurer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28670.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

10. [ORD28671](#) An ordinance approving a six-month extension of the Tideflats Interim Regulations, as originally approved by Amended Ordinance No. 28470 and extended by Ordinance Nos. 28542, 28583, and 28619.
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28671.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

11. [20-0353](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the submittal of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for Housing and Community Development.
[Darian Lightfoot, Contract and Program Auditor, Neighborhood and Community Services; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

The public hearing began at 6:09 p.m.

The public hearing ended at 6:25 p.m.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided an update on the City's Rental Assistance Program, including the number of applications received and processed.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

There were no Standing Committee Reports given.

Council Member Hunter recognized the 46th Annual National Emergency Medical Services Week.

Mayor Woodards recognized Mental Health Awareness Month, National Bike Month, and Public Works Week. She further stated that the City of Tacoma received a "Safe Routes to School" Grant for First Creek Elementary School and a National Award for work on the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge. In addition, Metro Parks also received a National Award for the Point Defiance Park Waterfront Phase 1.

Council Member Hines stated that he and Council Member Hunter will be hosting a T-Town Hall at 6:00 p.m., this Thursday, to talk about the education of children in the City of Tacoma.

Mayor Woodards reminded residents there are two drive through testing sites for COVID-19, one at the Tacoma Dome and one at Walgreens located at 35th and Pearl Street.

Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that the May 26, 2020 City Council meeting is cancelled, and the Friday special meeting is still scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk