



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**October 27, 2020**

**6:00 PM**

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## VIRTUAL FORUM

Virtual Forum will begin at 6:00 p.m., or in the event the regular meeting of the City Council adjourns after 6:00 p.m., promptly following such adjournment.

The purpose of the Virtual Forum is to give community members an additional opportunity to share their thoughts and views to assist the Council in making policy decisions; therefore, items of discussion shall be limited to matters over which the City Council has jurisdiction. No action shall be taken by the City Council during the Virtual Forum.

Attendance for this Forum is available by phone by dialing 253-215-8782 or through Zoom at [www.zoom.us/j/84834233126](http://www.zoom.us/j/84834233126) and entering the Meeting ID 848 3423 3126 and Passcode 349099, when prompted. To sign up to speak during Community Member Comments, press the Raise Hand button near the bottom of your Zoom window or \*9 on your phone. Your name or the last four digits of your phone number will be called out when it is your turn to speak. All speakers will have up to 90 seconds to speak. Where necessary, due to the number of persons who want to address the Council, the presiding officer shall retain authority to limit all persons' remarks to an equal period of less than 90 seconds.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Woodards called the Virtual Forum to order at 6:51 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

All Council Members participated virtually.

## **COMMUNITY MEMBER COMMENTS**

Community Member Comments began at 6:52 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received six written comments for Community Member Comments, regarding Tacoma Public Utilities' debt service, the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project, the Tideflats Interim Regulations, and the proposed soccer complex.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Dee Sonntag, regarding independent investigations on police involved deaths, the Tacoma Police Department (TPD), and the City budget.
2. Jenelle Walter, regarding homelessness, warming shelters, and the TPD.
3. Devin Rydel Kelly, regarding the City's commitment to anti-racism, independent investigations on police involved deaths, changing the Revised Code of Washington around firing police officers, and homelessness.
4. Les Pogue Jr., regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations and the TPD.
5. Alexa, regarding the City budget.
6. Jamie Fiano, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
7. Randy, regarding the City's safety survey.

Community Member Comments ended at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Woodards provided clarification on the City Council's authority in regards to convicting police officers and the City budget.

## **OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Council Member Walker inquired about the State Legislative Agenda priorities and timeline.

Council Member Ushka stated that the Association of Washington Cities is also advocating for independent investigations on police involved deaths, and

other groups across the State, including the Sheriff's and Chief's union, agree this should be a priority in the next legislative session.

Mayor Woodards reminded everyone to wash their hands, social distance, wear their mask, and to get a flu shot.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the Virtual Forum was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk