



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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March 02, 2021

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:02 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 McCarthy 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 McCarthy.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Florence Motley and 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. [21-0212](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, February 10, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. [21-0189](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, January 26, 2021.
3. [21-0213](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, January 26, 2021.

APPEALS

4. [21-0207](#) Stephen and Gretchen Nogler, and James and Gayle Totten, appealing the Hearing Examiner’s decision and reconsideration of the formation of Segment 3 of Local Improvement District No. 8663, located at Mullen Street from North 47th Street to North 48th Street.

Setting Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at approximately 1:30 p.m., as the date for the appeal by the City Council at the study session.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

5. [ORD28738](#) (First and Final Reading) An ordinance providing for the formation of Local Improvement District No. 3971, to extend an eight-inch wastewater main in East 48th Street from East “D” Street west to East “C” Street, then north in East “C” Street, approximately 390 feet.
[Ralph Rodriguez, LID Administrator; Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including first and final reading of Ordinance No. 28738.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including first and final reading of Ordinance No. 28738. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. [21-0215](#) Proclaiming March 2021 as Red Cross Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed March 2021 as Red Cross Month and presented the proclamation to Megan Pratt, Board Philanthropy Chair for the South Puget Sound and Olympics Chapter, and Daniel Wirth, Executive Director, American Red Cross.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:15 p.m.

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

No individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:18 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. [21-0214](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City by RAS Data Services, Inc., Claim No. B-001-21, relating to the damage of a railcar during a switching operation, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$48,529.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City by RAS Data Services, Inc., Claim No. B-001-21, relating to the damage of a railcar during a switching operation, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$48,529.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

8. [ORD28736](#) An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 28711, which amended Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to Water - Regulations and Rates, to provide for City of University Place water rate adjustments, effective April 1, 2021; January 1, 2022; and April 1, 2022.
[Lyna Vo, Utilities Economist; Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28736.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: 1 - McCarthy

9. [ORD28737](#) An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 28710, which amended Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, to provide for City of University Place power rate adjustments, effective April 1, 2021, and April 1, 2022.
[Christina Leineweber, Senior Utilities Economist; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28737.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: 1 - McCarthy

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

10. [ORD28739](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Administration, to update the required frequency of physical inventory of City property from annually to bi-annually, to align with the Washington State Auditor's Office.
[Susan Calderon, Assistant Director; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28739 was set over for final reading next week.

11. [ORD28740](#) An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of one or more series of limited tax general obligation refunding bonds, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$15,000,000, and unlimited tax general obligation refunding bonds, in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$6,000,000, to refund certain outstanding general obligation bonds and to pay costs of issuing the bonds; and delegating authority to approve the final terms of the bonds.
[Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28740 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Deputy City Manager Tadd Wille informed everyone that the Office of Management and Budget has announced the completion of the adopted budget document for the 2021-2022 biennial budget and it has been posted on the City's website under the Finance Department's budget webpage, and stated it has also been submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association for receipt of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member McCarthy, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the February 10, 2021, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Landmarks Preservation Commission and received presentations on proposed revisions to Chapter 12.08 of the Municipal Code and on impact fees; and on February 24, 2021, the Committee conducted interviews for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission and received a presentation on transportation project funding priorities for 2021. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on March 10, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include presentations on proposed updates to the Stormwater Management Manual and a policy proposal on decarbonization.

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Ushka, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the February 11, 2021, meeting, the Committee received presentations on an update from the Community's Police Advisory Committee on their annual retreat and

on the 2020 Neighborhood and Community Services annual report; and at the February 25, 2021, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Human Rights Commission. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on March 11, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include interviews for the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board.

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Council Member Thoms announced that the VA Puget Sound Health Care System notified all veterans in the region that they can now schedule appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine by dialing (206) 716-5716 or through the agency webpage.

Council Member Ushka announced that today is Read Across America Day and encouraged everyone to think of their favorite children's book, read a story to somebody who is young, or ask them to pick a book.

Mayor Woodards acknowledged that tomorrow will be the one-year anniversary of the death of Manuel Ellis and stated that at today's study session the City Council voted to send a letter to the Washington State Attorney General's Office asking them to continue to make this investigation a priority. She concluded by stating that COVID-19 still exists and reminded everyone to wear their masks, wash their hands, and to continue checking the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department website to find out when they can receive their vaccination.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk