



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**May 25, 2021**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

All Council Members participated virtually.

## FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor Blocker 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 Deputy Mayor Blocker.

## 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. [21-0496](#) Minutes of the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board, January 21, 2021.

### CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items.

### PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2. [21-0510](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented an update on systems transformation, including new policies and transforming existing programs, noting the hiring of a new PEACE and Reconciliation Coordinator and a Senior Policy Analyst supporting the Racial Equity Action Plan and Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, and anti-racist strategic plan development; the current state analysis of the Tacoma Police Department (TPD), noting preliminary recommendations from the Alternative Response Study, and recommendations from 21CP Solutions; administrative changes and process improvements, noting body worn cameras and Police Chief recruitment; Governor Jay Inslee's Police Accountability Initiatives; a reminder that the Community Trauma Response Team is seeking applications; recent accomplishments and items in progress or up next; and short range and long range transformation timelines.

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 5, Resolution No. 40789, regarding the agreement from North America Asset Management Group, LLC, at this time.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

5. [RES40789](#) (Continued from the meeting of May 25, 2021) A resolution authorizing the approval of an Assignment of Interest in the Purchase, Sale, and Development Agreement from North America Asset Management Group, LLC, to Tacoma Town Center Parcels, LLC, to facilitate an opportunity zone investment and complete buildout of the mixed-use project, located between South 21st to South 23rd Streets, from Jefferson to Tacoma Avenues, directly south of the University of Washington Tacoma. [Elly Walkowiak, Assistant Director; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development; Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to continue Resolution No. 40789 to the meeting of June 8, 2021.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:13 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Celeste Ets-Hokin, speaking on Ordinance No. 28767.

Public Comment ended at 5:15 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### APPOINTMENTS

3. [RES40787](#) A resolution appointing individuals to the City Events and Recognitions Committee.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40787.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

4. [RES40788](#) A resolution appointing individuals to the Human Services Commission.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40788.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

## RESOLUTIONS

5. [RES40789](#) (Continued from the meeting of May 25, 2021) A resolution authorizing the approval of an Assignment of Interest in the Purchase, Sale, and Development Agreement from North America Asset Management Group, LLC, to Tacoma Town Center Parcels, LLC, to facilitate an opportunity zone investment and complete buildout of the mixed-use project, located between South 21st to South 23rd Streets, from Jefferson to Tacoma Avenues, directly south of the University of Washington Tacoma.  
[Elly Walkowiak, Assistant Director; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development; Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**Resolution No. 40789 was continued to the meeting of June 8, 2021, earlier in the meeting.**

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

6. [ORD28760](#) 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 Tacoma Firefighters Union, Local 31.  
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28760.**

**The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

7. [ORD28761](#) An ordinance relating to Wastewater and Surface Water Management - Regulation and Rates, amending Chapter 12.08 of the Municipal Code by repealing, reenacting, and recodifying it in its entirety; creating new subchapters to be known as Subchapter 12.08A, "General Administration", Subchapter 12.08B, "Use of Sanitary Sewer", Subchapter 12.08C, "Industrial Pretreatment Program", and Subchapter 12.08D, "Stormwater Management"; providing for the enforcement and severability; effective July 1, 2021; and adopting the Side Sewer and Sanitary Sewer Availability Manual. [Kurt Fremont, Assistant Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28761.**

**The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

8. [ORD28762](#) An ordinance amending Subchapters 12.08B, entitled "Use of Sanitary Sewer", and 12.08D, entitled "Stormwater Management" of the Municipal Code; to adopt a rate and fee schedule which will ease access for customers and clarify the distinction between rates and fees associated with storm water, wastewater, and industrial wastewater pretreatment services; if passed, this ordinance will not alter existing rates and fees, effective July 1, 2021. [Kurt Fremont, Assistant Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28762.**

**The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

9. [ORD28763](#) An ordinance adopting the Stormwater Management Manual, effective July 1, 2021. [Merita Trohimovich, Principal Engineer; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28763.**

**The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

10. [ORD28757](#) An ordinance creating a new fund, to be known and designated as the “American Rescue Plan Fund”, for the dedication, segregation, and tracking of any funds received related to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.  
[Reid Bennion, Lead Budget Analyst; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28757 was set over for final reading on June 8, 2021.**

11. [ORD28764](#) An ordinance amending the Biennial Operating Budget of the City for fiscal years 2021-2022 for recommended budget adjustments that were not identifiable before the approval of the 2021-2022 adopted budget.  
[Reid Bennion, Lead Budget Analyst; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28764 was set over for final reading on June 8, 2021.**

12. [ORD28765](#) An ordinance amending the Capital Budget of the City for fiscal years 2021-2022 for recommended budget adjustments and Council-approved capital projects with outstanding balances.  
[Reid Bennion, Lead Budget Analyst; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28765 was set over for final reading on June 8, 2021.**

13. [ORD28766](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.07 of the Municipal Code, relating to Equity in Contracting, to clarify language and the waiver process, and replace outdated language, regarding the equity and contracting program.  
[Carol Wolfe, Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28766 was set over for final reading on June 8, 2021.**

14. [ORD28767](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 3.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to fireworks, to reclassify the use of illegal fireworks from a Class 2 civil infraction to a Class 1 civil infraction, to promote public safety.  
[Council Members Beale and Hunter]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28767 was set over for final reading on June 8, 2021.**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

15.     [21-0504](#)     This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amended for the years 2021 and 2022-2027.  
[Jennifer Kammerzell, Principal Engineer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

The public hearing began at 5:42 p.m.

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

No individuals addressed the City Council.

The public hearing ended at 5:48 p.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

## **COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

### Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Ushka, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported that at the May 13, 2021, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews and recommended the appointment of individuals to the Human Services Commission. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be on June 10, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include presentations related to illegal dumping, graffiti, litter, and City efforts to work with the community.



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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to excuse Council Member Beale from the meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk