



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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July 07, 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

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Beale.

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. [20-0430](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, May 20, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

2. [ORD28679](#) An ordinance vacating a dead-end portion of South Oregon Avenue, also referenced as South Oregon Street, lying between Titus-Will Enterprises, Inc. and Costco Wholesale Corporation whose businesses are bounded by South Pine Street and South Sprague Avenue, for secured parking and other related business uses. (Titus-Will Enterprises, Inc.; File No. 124.1411)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including first reading of Ordinance No. 28679.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28679.

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 setting Ordinance No. 28679 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. [20-0429](#) Proclaiming July 2020 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed July 2020 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month and presented the proclamation to Mr. Troy Christensen, Executive Director, Rainbow Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:17 p.m.

Public Comment ended at 5:19 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received three written comments for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28678, regarding active transportation, and Ordinance No. 28681, regarding the Commute Trip Reduction Program; and 17 written comments regarding Pride Month, the Police Department, and the Northwest ICE Processing Center.

REGULAR AGENDA

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to amend the March 24, 2020, motion that suspended the rules and allowed only written comments to be provided for the public comment and community forum portions of City Council meetings until the Proclamation of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 virus is terminated, and allow for verbal comments to be made by the public during the community forum portion of virtual-only City Council meetings effective, Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

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

RESOLUTIONS

4. [RES40623](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Local 120, consisting of 168 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020.

[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40623.

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

5. [RES40624](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Clerical Unit, consisting of 173 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020.

[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40624.

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

6. [RES40625](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of Letters of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Customer and Field Services; Court Clerks; Human Resources; Supervisors; Tacoma Power; Water Division; and Water Pollution Control Units.

[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40625.

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

7. [ORD28678](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 11.05 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Model Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 11.06, relating to Motorized Scooters and Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices, and Chapter 11.30, relating to Bicycle, Skateboard, Roller Skates, and Scooter Helmets, to update and clarify rules related to active transportation, including micromobility.
[Liz Kaster, Senior Planner; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28678.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

8. [ORD28680](#) 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 Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Local 120; and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Clerical Unit.
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28680 was set over for final reading next week.

9. [ORD28681](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to allow the voluntary use of leave without pay for represented employees, and amendments related to the Commute Trip Reduction Program.
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28681 was set over for final reading next week.

10. [ORD28682](#) An ordinance declaring the public necessity for and providing for the acquisition by the City of Tacoma by eminent domain of certain properties located along East Portland Avenue, to construct street improvements and related facilities within the City; and declaring an emergency, making necessary the passage of this ordinance and it becoming effective immediately upon passage.
[Ronda Van Allen, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

ACTION: Per RCWs 8.12.040 and 8.25.290, Ordinance No. 28682 was set over for final reading on July 28, 2020.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided an update on the surveys launched for the development of the 2021-2022 budget, including the number of surveys that are currently active, each with a focus on a Council priority area of safety, access, racial equity and anti-racism, housing, engagement, jobs, and health; each survey is offered in four languages; as of July 5, 2020, 2,234 surveys have been submitted; a breakdown of the surveys by priority area will be provided; and the City launched "Balancing Act", where residents can show how they would like the City to fill the General Fund budget shortfall, and as of July 5, 2020, the website has had 1,488 page views and 320 submissions.

City Manager Pauli further provided an update on the Rental Assistance Program, stating there will be a press release issued announcing the second round of lottery funding; the next application round will be from July 8, 2020, to July 15, 2020; and through a combination of lottery applications and direct referrals from service providers, 706 applications have been processed and 99 awards were issued for a total of \$92,562 of assistance. She concluded by providing a list of reasons of why applicants did not receive assistance; City residents are also eligible for assistance through Pierce County's program; and stated that 72 percent of award recipients through the lottery and 88 percent of award recipients through direct referral are households where the head of household identifies as a person of color.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

There were no standing committee reports given.

Council Member Walker provided an update on Sidewalk and Street Cafes, stating the City had consolidated all of the application information and waived all of the fees for businesses to expand their seating either onto the sidewalk

or into the street, four businesses have submitted or are in the process of submitting applications, and stated the business does not have to be a restaurant, it can be any small business that is interested in additional space on the sidewalk or street.

Mayor Woodards reminded everyone about civic engagement during virtual-only meetings due to COVID-19, stating she has heard from members of the public on enhancing transparency during virtual meetings, especially when discussing systems transformation to address the impacts of racism, and in response, beginning July 14, 2020, the Zoom meetings will have video enabled, showing meeting participants during study session which cannot be attended in person, additionally on July 14, 2020, verbal comments will be taken for Community Forum during the virtual-only Zoom City Council meetings. She further reviewed a timeline for body worn cameras, stating the process for implementation includes several steps and during the six-month timeline each of these steps will be incorporated, body cameras will begin rolling out in January and over the course of three months 255 commission officers will be wearing body cameras by the end of March, and the City will be starting up a website on July 20, 2020, that will provide information on reform and transformation of systems. Mayor Woodards concluded by offering her condolences to Bennie Branch's family, stating the City will stay on top of this case to make sure it is followed through, that the investigation is thorough and just, and that we take appropriate action.

Mayor Woodards announced that COVID-19 cases are still rising in Tacoma and Pierce County, and stated stay safe, wear your masks, wash your hands, and take care of yourselves and families.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk