



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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April 28, 2020

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

All Council Members participated virtually.

Council Member Blocker arrived at 5:03 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Blocker arrived here, at 5:03 p.m.

The flag salute was led by Council Member Walker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Harriet Williams, Lori Allison, and those who have lost their lives to or have been impacted by COVID-19.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [20-0322](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, April 8, 2020.
2. [20-0323](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, April 13, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. [20-0318](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, March 24, 2020.
4. [20-0284](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, March 27, 2020.
5. [20-0319](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, March 31, 2020.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:05 p.m.

Public Comment ended at 5:06 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES40591](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company, in the amount of \$1,146,385.78, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for the release of easement and sale of trackage, for constructing improvements for the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Distribution System Replacement Project.
[Teague Pasco, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40591.

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

7. [RES40592](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Junett Place Smart 1's LLC, for the development of 12 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 4528 South Junett Street, 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. 40592.

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

8. [RES40593](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Troika Developments, Inc., for the development of 12 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 4534 South Junett Street, 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. 40593.

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

9. [RES40594](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Northwest Smart Homes, LLC, for the development of 24 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 4326 South Junett Street, 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. 40594.

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

10. [RES40595](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with West Mall Smart 1's LLC, for the development of 24 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 4037 South Puget Sound Avenue, 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. 40595.

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

11. [RES40596](#) A resolution authorizing the temporary establishment of an Emergency Assistant Program (Program) by the Environmental Services Department, in order to allow more households to qualify for assistance; authorizing the City Manager to establish the criteria for the Program and determine when the Program will be terminated; authorizing funding for the Program; and increasing the funding for the Tacoma Public Utilities Emergency Assistance Program.
[Francine Artis, Assistant Customer Services Manager; Steve Hatcher, Customer Services Manager, Tacoma Public Utilities]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40596.

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

12. [ORD28667](#) 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 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Custodial and Building Maintenance Unit, and the Tacoma Police Management Association, Local 26.
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28667. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

13. [ORD28668](#) An ordinance providing for the sale and issuance of a subordinate lien water system revenue refunding bond, in the principal amount, not to exceed \$18,400,000, to provide funds to defease and refund all or a portion of the City's Water System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2010A; and designating representatives to approve the final terms of the sale of the bond.
[Jodi Collins, Assistant Water Division Manager; Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28668. 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

14. [ORD28669](#) An ordinance authorizing the issuance of a short-term Electric System Subordinate Revenue Note, in the principal amount, not to exceed \$100,000,000, to provide general credit, including liquidity, for the Electric System; authorizing the execution of a Note Purchase Agreement; and designating representatives to approve the final terms of the Note.
[Bill Berry, Rates, Planning, and Analysis Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28669 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli reported that the weekly report will include materials related to the Tidelands Interim Regulations.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Woodards reminded the Council Members that, following the Council meeting, they will be convening to a Closed Session to discuss labor strategies.

Mayor Woodards further announced that the Council Members will be hosting a series of weekly conversations called T-Town Halls, every Thursday for the next four weeks or more, to discuss topics that are important to the community right now.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk