



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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June 15, 2021

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:04 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

Council Member Hines 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 Hines.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Barbara Bichsel 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. [21-0584](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, May 26, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. [21-0568](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, March 23, 2021.
3. [21-0571](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, March 30, 2021.
4. [21-0573](#) Minutes of the Virtual Forum, March 23, 2021.

RESOLUTIONS

5. [RES40796](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, July 13, 2021, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Home In Tacoma Project housing policy actions, including amendments to the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan and the Land Use Regulatory Code, along with recognition of a Housing Action Plan to guide ongoing implementation, as recommended by the Planning Commission.
[Elliott Barnett, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]
6. [RES40797](#) A resolution setting Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of North Narrows Drive at North 26th Street, for future residential development.
(Paul and Deidra Miller; File No. 124.1416)
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist;
Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

7. [ORD28313](#) An ordinance vacating the alley lying between East 25th Street and East 26th Street from the east margin of East “G” Street to the west margin of East “J” Street, to allow for construction of the Sound Transit Tacoma Trestle Replacement Project.
(Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority
d.b.a Sound Transit; File No. 124.1355)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

8. [ORD28581](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of East “K” Street, together with an adjoining alleyway segment, lying between East 25th and East 26th Streets, and west of East “L” Street, for future development.
(Lentz Properties LLC; File No. 124.1393)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40796 and 40797 and final reading of Ordinance Nos. 28313 and 28581.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28581, regarding vacating a portion of East “K” Street, together with an adjoining alleyway segment.

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

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40796 and 40797, and final reading of Ordinance No. 28313 and Substitute Ordinance No. 28581. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Beale

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. [21-0582](#) Recognizing Tacoma’s Legislative Delegation.

Mayor Woodards recognized the Tacoma’s Legislative Delegation and presented the recognition to House Speaker Laurie Jinkins, Senator Jeannie Darneille, Senator Steve Conway, Senator T’wina Nobles, Representative Jake Fey, Representative Steve Kirby, Representative Melanie Morgan, Representative Mari Leavitt, and Representative Dan Bronoske.

- 9. [21-0581](#) Proclaiming Saturday, June 19, 2021, as Juneteenth Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Saturday, June 19, 2021, as Juneteenth Day and presented the proclamation to Tim Person, President, The Ray Gibson’s Caballeros Club, and Ed Gregory, Battalion Chief, Tacoma Fire Department.

- 10. [21-0583](#) Recognizing Denny Hunthausen, Agency Director, Catholic Community Services.

Mayor Woodards recognized Denny Hunthausen, Agency Director, Catholic Community Services, and presented the recognition to Mr. Hunthausen.

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MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 20, Ordinance No. 28756, regarding camping on public property, at this time.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

20. [ORD28756](#) (Continued from the meeting of August 31, 2021) An ordinance amending Title 8 of the Municipal Code, relating to Public Safety, by adding a new Chapter 8.19, entitled “Use of Public Property”, to align with the amended declaration of emergency and providing a comprehensive response to public health concerns related to camping and storage of personal items on public property.
[Council Member Thoms]

MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to continue Ordinance No. 28756 for 60 days.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

Deputy Mayor Blocker made a friendly amendment to amend the duration for up to 90 days and to send the ordinance to the Community Vitality and Safety Committee for further review in addition to continuing meetings with the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness.

The friendly amendment was accepted 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 5:55 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received four written comments for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28756, regarding camping on public property, and Resolution No. 40796, regarding the Home in Tacoma Project.

No individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:56 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

12. [21-0586](#) A motion may be considered to concur with the June 9, 2021, recommendation of the Public Utility Board, and to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all property damage claims against the City by Pamela Frost, Claim No. W-024-18, relating to a broken water main, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$55,206.54.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to concur with the June 9, 2021, recommendation of the Public Utility Board, and to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all property damage claims against the City by Pamela Frost, Claim No. W-024-18, relating to a broken water main, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$55,206.54.

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

APPOINTMENTS

13. [RES40798](#) A resolution appointing and confirming Holland Cohen to the Tacoma Public Utility Board to serve a five-year term, effective July 1, 2021, to expire June 30, 2026.
[Council Members Hines, Thoms, and Walker]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40798.

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

14. [RES40799](#) A resolution declaring the intended use of funds received related to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
[Reid Bennion, Lead Budget Analyst; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40799.

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

15. [RES40800](#) A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the execution of a Quitclaim Deed to convey a strip of alley right-of-way, located between East 25th Street and East 26th Street, from East "G" Street to McKinley Avenue, to Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, d.b.a. Sound Transit, for the amount of \$57,800, for track replacement and expansion in connection with the Sound Transit Tacoma Trestle Track and Signal Project.
[Ronda Van Allen, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40800.

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

16. [RES40801](#) A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the execution of a Quitclaim Deed to convey vacant, undeveloped residential property, located at 3936 South Tyler Street, to Reth Rith, for the amount of \$55,800.
[Ronda Van Allen, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40801.

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

17. [RES40802](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Boundary Line Agreement, survey, and Quitclaim Deeds, exchanging segments of property, located at 201 and 221 Puyallup Avenue, with Saw Shop Property, LLC, to resolve a boundary line dispute.
[Ronda Van Allen, 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. 40802.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

18. [ORD28768](#) 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, Clerical Unit; the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen; and the position of City Manager.
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28768.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and Ushka

19. [ORD28769](#) An ordinance adopting the 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]

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to amend Ordinance No. 28769, to add: The Missing Link Sidewalks project description to include the following projects:

- South 76th Street between Pacific Ave and Thompson Ave.
- East side of Hosmer Street between South 90th Street and South 92nd Street.
- West side of Hosmer Street between South 90th Street and South 92nd Street.
- South 84th, east of Hosmer, north side of road.
- South Yakima at South 68th.
- South Yakima at South 70th.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and Ushka

MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to amend Ordinance No. 28769, as amended, to add: The Missing Link Sidewalks project description to include the following projects:

- Browns Point Blvd between 37th Ave NE and Nassau.
- Norpoint Way between 29th St NE and Pt Woodworth Dr NE.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and Ushka

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28769, as amended. The Ordinance, as amended, was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Beale and Ushka

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

20. [ORD28756](#) (Continued from the meeting of August 31, 2021) An ordinance amending Title 8 of the Municipal Code, relating to Public Safety, by adding a new Chapter 8.19, entitled "Use of Public Property", to align with the amended declaration of emergency and providing a comprehensive response to public health concerns related to camping and storage of personal items on public property.
[Council Member Thoms]

Ordinance No. 28756 was continued for up to 90 days, earlier in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported at the May 18, 2021, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Public Utility Board and received a presentation on the Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association; at the June 1, 2021, meeting, the Committee continued interviews for the Public Utility Board and received presentations on the Environmental Services Commission and Tacoma Creates sales tax revenue; and at the June 15, 2021, meeting, the Committee received presentations on Tacoma Rail, the City's reserve policy, and the first monthly budget update. He concluded by stating the July 6, 2021, meeting, has been cancelled, and the next meeting will be held on July 20, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., through Zoom, and will include presentations on Tacoma Public Utilities' Power Note Purchase Agreement and the monthly budget update.

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Council Member Thoms expressed appreciation for the City Council's support of the Helping Individuals Experiencing Homelessness program with Valeo Vocation and shared information regarding program participants and projects, including requests for more hours, site clean ups, and skill development; and conveyed his desire to extend the program later this year.

Mayor Woodards stated that COVID-19 case counts are low, with 28 new cases and one new death in Pierce County; Tacoma is over 50 percent vaccinated; over 40 businesses participated in a six week task force sharing ideas on how to get employees and customers vaccinated; and a group of faith leaders from Tacoma and Pierce County are being convened to discuss how COVID-19 and vaccinations impact their congregations and to provide them with tools to become vaccine ambassadors.

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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 6:29 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk