



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

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**August 25, 2020**

**12:00 PM**

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### Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the study session to order at 12:04 p.m.

### Roll Call

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

All Council Members participated virtually.

### Briefing Items

1. [20-0538](#) County's CARES Act Funding Update

At approximately 12:05 p.m., Bruce Dammeier, Pierce County Executive, presented the County's Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding update, including an overview of the last presentation; contact and investigative tracing, noting data collection and processing; economic stabilization and recovery, noting mask donations, loans and grants, mortgage assistance and business assistance; community response, noting rental and mortgage assistance; conducting in-person jury trials; Pierce County schools; and the contingent reserve.

Gary Robinson, Finance Director, Pierce County, presented an update on the COVID-19 Pierce County Recovery Steering Committee, including CARES Act funding to date, noting public health emergency response, economic stabilization and recovery programs, community response and resilience, essential government services, and contingency reserve; and CARES Act allocations by category.

Discussion ensued regarding South Sound 911, facilities being used for quarantine, health care assistance for people who have been laid off, rental and mortgage assistance funds, preparing for the end of the year, allocations for legal defense against evictions, language services for rental and mortgage assistance, testing goals, public messaging around testing, further breakdown of demographics of businesses receiving loans, and demographics of

residents requesting rental and mortgage assistance.

Anita Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager, presented an update on the City of Tacoma's CARES Act funding, including the amount of funding the City would receive from State funds; other funds the City has attained through grants; the main categories of expenses for COVID-19 response funds, noting first responder costs, emergency management, food assistance, childcare assistance, digital services for service providers, and non-congregant sheltering; and expenses covered by other federal funding sources, noting rental, mortgage, and small business assistance.

Discussion ensued regarding shelters at local churches, funding for rental assistance, the differences between funding for Pierce County and funding for the City, and saving money for the end of the year.

2. [20-0539](#) Transit-Oriented Development Advisory Group (TODAG) Update

At approximately 1:39 p.m., Brian Boudet, Division Manager, Planning and Development Services, made opening remarks and introduced Imad Bahbah, Chair, Transit-Oriented Development Advisory Group (TODAG), and Don Erickson, Vice Chair, TODAG. Together, they presented the TODAG update, including an overview; progress report number 1, dated June 2020; evaluation methodology; TODAG recommendations, noting design principles, the Tacoma Dome Station area, the East Tacoma Station area, and future considerations; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding rider experience, the growth strategy for the region, and long-range planning for transit-oriented development corridors.

3. [20-0540](#) Systems Transformation Update

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented the systems transformation update, including new items, noting administrative changes in the Tacoma Police Department; recent accomplishments; the systems transformation update table; the next steps timeline; and the draft transformation timeline.

Discussion ensued regarding the transformation website.

## Other Items of Interest

Mayor Woodards stated that South Sound Housing Affordability Partners has begun working to form a coalition and consultants present to the Community Vitality and Safety Committee. She further stated that a presentation on a pilot program for guaranteed income may come to the City Council in the future.

Council Member Beale stated there has been community interest in pedestrian improvements in the City and he is working to add projects to the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program.

## Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

4. [20-0541](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, August 20, 2020

City Manager Pauli stated that there is one ceremonial being added to tonight's agenda, a recognition for K9 Ronja, and that this is the only change to tonight's agenda.

## Executive Session - Pending Litigation

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation, not to exceed 30 minutes.**

**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

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 2:21 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre and Deputy City Attorneys Jean Homan and Michelle Yotter were present.

The Executive Session was extended by seven minutes at 2:51 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded, and the study session reconvened at 2:58 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk