



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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February 09, 2021

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Council Member McCarthy arrived at 5:20 p.m.

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 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. [21-0127](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, January 5, 2021.
2. [21-0112](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, November 18, 2020.
3. [21-0113](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, December 2, 2020.
4. [21-0114](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, December 16, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

5. [RES40745](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of Interlocal Agreements with various Fire Protection Districts, for fire protection and emergency medical services outside the City limits in which the Department of Public Utilities has facilities. [Dylan Harrison, Senior Real Estate Officer; Jackie Flowers, Director, Tacoma Public Utilities]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40745.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40745. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. [21-0129](#) Proclaiming February 2021 as Black History Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed February 2021 as Black History Month and presented the proclamation to Diane Powers, Retired Chief Equity Officer, Equity and Human Rights; Dwayne Joseph, Retired Lieutenant, Tacoma Police Department; and Tamar Jackson, Director of Community Engagement, WorkForce Central.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:17 p.m.

Council Member McCarthy arrived here, at 5:20 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Haiku, speaking on the Black History Month proclamation.

Public Comment ended at 5:22 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

7. [RES40746](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Human Services Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40746.

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

RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES40747](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of \$12,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, for City membership in South Sound Together, for the year 2021.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40747.

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

9. [ORD28735](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement changes to family member definitions when related to the use of paid sick leave and personal time off, retroactive to February 15, 2021.
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28735 was set over for final reading next week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

10. [21-0103](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 43 acres of Tacoma Water property, located at the northwest corner of 134th Avenue East and 144th Street East in the Puyallup vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County, to the Puyallup School District No. 3, for the amount of \$2,025,000.
[Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent]

The public hearing began at 5:29 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received two written comments for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. H.G. Stephens, resident.
2. Marilyn Kimmerling, resident.
3. Haiku, resident.
4. Brian Devereux, Puyallup School District.
5. Kathy Lawhon, resident.

The public hearing ended at 6:06 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 6:08 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for Community Forum, regarding employee hazard pay.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. H.G. Stephens, regarding the sale and surplus of City property.
2. Haiku, regarding the Tacoma Police Department (TPD), protests, and Manuel Ellis.
3. Kathy Lawhon, regarding the TPD, City leadership, the need to create a citizen's commission, and political consultants.
4. David Thompson, regarding food security in Tacoma and urban agriculture.
5. Nolan Hibbard-Pelly, regarding the sale and surplus of City property, City leadership, protests, food security in Tacoma, and homelessness.
6. Les Pogue Jr., regarding civility, the TPD, and protests.
7. Marilyn Kimmerling, regarding urban agriculture, the TPD, and liquefied natural gas.

Community Forum ended at 6:24 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

21-0157 Update on Systems Transformation.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli informed everyone that she will begin providing an update on systems transformation during City Council meetings, likely during the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month; reviewed an update on systems transformation, including new items, noting Heal the Heart of Tacoma, new policies and transforming existing programs, current state analysis of the TPD, administrative changes and process improvements to increase transparency in policing, and the legislative agenda at local, State, and Federal levels; and stated that all of the updates can be found on the transformation webpage at www.cityoftacoma.org/transform. She concluded by addressing comments received regarding food security, stating the City was successful in distributing \$900,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding to food banks in 2020 and the food bank funding has been increased in 2021.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Thoms, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported at the January 12, 2021, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the status and prospects for Federal funding for COVID-19 recovery, and on changes to the special events competitive funding process; at the January 26, 2021, meeting, the Committee elected the Chair and Vice Chair, and received a presentation on training and employment program updates; and at today's meeting, the Committee received a presentation on

WorkForce Central and City coordination. He continued by stating that the City is hosting a Black Business Empowerment Panel discussion on February 17, 2021, and informed everyone that they can register for free at bbetacoma.eventbrite.com. Council Member Thoms concluded by stating the February 23, 2021, meeting has been cancelled, and the next meeting will be held on March 9, 2021, through Zoom, and will include a presentation on the Port of Tacoma's strategic plan, and an informational briefing on hotel workers recall rights.

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Council Member Ushka reminded everyone to wear their masks and wash their hands even throughout the vaccination period, and stated that 78 new COVID-19 cases and five new deaths were reported in Pierce County today.

Mayor Woodards stated that COVID-19 is still here, the vaccine has arrived but not everyone has received it, and reminded everyone to continue washing their hands, wearing masks, social distancing, and limiting gatherings.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk