



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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April 14, 2020

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 Thoms.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of those who have lost their lives to or have been impacted by COVID-19.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [20-0291](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, March 11, 2020.
2. [20-0292](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, March 11, 2020.
3. [20-0293](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, March 17, 2020.
4. [20-0294](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, March 31, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. [20-0285](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, March 9-10, 2020.

RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES40582](#) A resolution approving the final plat of Erickson, a 19-lot residential subdivision, located at 1620 East Columbia Avenue.
(Sheri Greene, AHBL; File No. LU16-0284)
[Shanta Frantz, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director,
Planning and Development Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40582.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40582. 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 5:04 p.m.

Public Comment ended at 5:04 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. [20-0295](#) A motion may be considered to confirm the Mayor's Emergency Rule No. 3, waiving City residency and competitive examination rules related to the hiring of employees into the classified civil service, during the period of the Proclamation of Emergency.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to confirm the Mayor's Emergency Rule No. 3, waiving City residency and competitive examination rules related to the hiring of employees into the classified civil service, during the period of the Proclamation of Emergency.

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

8. [RES40583](#) A resolution authorizing submittal of an amended 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, to program uncommitted current and prior year Community Development Block Grant funds, for use in Housing and Community Development activities.
[Darian Lightfoot, Contract and Program Auditor; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40583.

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. [RES40584](#) A resolution continuing the Downtown Tacoma Partnership (DTP), formerly known as the Business Improvement Area, for the 33rd year, providing for the levy assessments and other income, in the amount of \$1,321,340; and approving the renewed DTP work plan and budget, and assessment of rates from May 1, 2020, through April 30, 2021. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40584.

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

10. [RES40585](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Local Development Council of Tacoma, d.b.a. the Downtown Tacoma Partnership (DTP) formerly known as the Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$1,321,340, budgeted from the Downtown Business Improvement Area Fund, to provide administration services for DTP operations, as set forth in the 2020-2021 DTP work plan and budget. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40585.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

11. [RES40586](#) A resolution authorizing temporary modifications to the Tacoma Creates program and existing Tacoma Creates contracts to respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 emergency on Tacoma’s cultural sector.
[Amy McBride, Arts Administrator; Kim Bedier, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to remove Resolution No. 40586 from the agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

12. [ORD28666](#) 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, Tacoma Power Unit.
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28666. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 5:19 p.m.

Community Forum ended at 5:19 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli reported on the work the Neighborhood and Community Services Department has been involved in, including an update on the Rental Assistance Program and food insecurity in our community. She further provided an update regarding administrative efforts the City has implemented in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts, including relaxing the sign code, extending permit and plat timelines, information provided on the Make it Tacoma website, extending the Emergency Assistance Program for utilities, virtual meetings switching to the Zoom platform, and updating social media sites and the City website to include Crisis Line information.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Council Member McCarthy stated that a letter for Governor Inslee regarding construction in the community has been sent to the City Council for review.

Council Member Ushka stated that a letter for Governor Inslee on behalf of the Tacoma School District regarding connectivity for students has been sent to the City Council for review.

Council Member Ushka and Mayor Woodards expressed gratitude for staff's hardwork during this time.

Mayor Woodards reminded everyone of the City Council special meeting on Friday, April 17, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk