



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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June 30, 2020

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [20-0419](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, June 10, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items.

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.

The City Clerk's Office received 81 written comments for Resolution No. 40620, regarding face coverings and masks; Resolution No. 40621, regarding deaths that occur while in police custody; Resolution No. 40622, regarding policies, practices, and contracts impacted by systemic racism; Ordinance No. 28677, regarding Firearms and Ammunition Tax; and the Northwest Detention Center.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

2. [RES40619](#) A resolution appointing Nikie Walters to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission.
 [Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40619.

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

3. [RES40620](#) A resolution encouraging the residents of the City of Tacoma to use face coverings or masks when in public spaces.

[Council Member Ushka]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40620.

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

4. [RES40621](#) A resolution establishing a communications protocol for any death that occurs while an individual is in the custody of Tacoma Police or as the result of the use of deadly force by Tacoma Police.

[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40621.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to amend Resolution No. 40621 at Page 3, Line 23, to remove the following words from Subsection C: “As soon as practicable, seek confirmation as to whether the matter requires an independent investigation pursuant to I-940 and SHB 1064”.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to amend Resolution No. 40621. The motion was declared adopted.

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

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution, as amended, was declared adopted.

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

5. [RES40622](#) A resolution affirming the City Council’s dedication and commitment to comprehensive and sustained transformation of all of the institutions, systems, policies, practices, and contracts impacted by systemic racism, with initial priority being given to policing in the City of Tacoma.
[Mayor Woodards}

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40622.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

ACTION: Roll call vote was requested and taken. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

6. [ORD28677](#) An ordinance amending Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28624, relating to Firearms and Ammunition Tax, to change the effective date of the tax from July 1, 2020, to a date to be determined by the City Council in January 2021, and making this ordinance effective on July 1, 2020.
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28677. 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

7. [ORD28678](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 11.05 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Model Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 11.06, relating to Motorized Scooters and Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices, and Chapter 11.30, relating to Bicycle, Skateboard, Roller Skates, and Scooter Helmets, to update and clarify rules related to active transportation, including micromobility.
[Liz Kaster, Senior Planner; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28678 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided an update on COVID-19 response efforts, including 99 payments have been made by the Rental Assistance Program totaling over \$92,000; 369 rental assistance applications need additional information before they can continue being processed; the Rental Assistance Fund has received 10 donations totaling \$2,500; the Tacoma Rescue Mission's expanded Emergency Shelter had a soft opening on June 25, 2020, which has begun housing five women with the capacity of housing 50 individuals; \$1.6 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding has been identified to assist with food insecurities, with \$800,000 being allocated to each the Emergency Food Network and Tacoma Public Schools; and the senior meals program served 343 meals in the last week through the Lighthouse and Beacon Activity Centers and by delivery from the City of Tacoma parking enforcement. City Manager Pauli concluded by announcing the launch of a new information site and resource for getting information regarding in custody and deadly force cases involving the Tacoma Police Department.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

There were no Standing Committee reports given.

Council Member Thoms congratulated Governor Inslee on the statewide mask requirement and further thanked Council Member Hunter for making and giving away masks to the community and his family.

Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that the City's official Fourth of July celebration has been cancelled this year and that personal fireworks are illegal within the City limits.


Council Member Hunter reiterated that fireworks are not allowed within City limits; stating they are bad for the environment, birds, dogs, and people with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder; and encouraged individuals to start new traditions that are safe, healthy, and compassionate.


Mayor Woodards further announced that Pride Month in Tacoma begins Wednesday, July 1, 2020, a proclamation officially declaring July as Pride Month will be brought forward at the Tuesday, July 7, 2020 City Council meeting, and to visit Tacomapride.org to see all of the ways to get involved. She concluded by stating the Pride Flag will be raised over the Tacoma Municipal Building, Tacoma Dome, and Tacoma Public Utilities building; and in recognition of the historic role of the leadership of black

transgender women have played in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer + (LGBTQ+) movement, the intersectional experiences of the black and brown members of the LGBTQ+ community, and increasing conversations around systemic racism, this year's Tacoma Pride celebrations will feature an intersectional update with the flying of the Philadelphia Pride flag, whose rainbow features additional black and brown strips.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.


Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor


Doris Sorum, City Clerk