



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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January 11, 2022

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Bushnell.

Mayor Woodards 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.

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. [22-0014](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, December 2, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. [22-0022](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, August 10, 2021.
3. [22-0028](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, August 17, 2021.
4. [22-0017](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 5, 2021.

5. [22-0020](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 12, 2021.
6. [22-0023](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 19, 2021.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. [22-0018](#) Proclaiming Monday, January 17, 2022, as Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Monday, January 17, 2022, as Martin Luther King Jr. Day and presented the proclamation to Jessica Johnston, Chair, and Hilary Gray, Member, City Events and Recognitions Committee.

8. [22-0019](#) Proclaiming January 2022 as National Mentoring Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed January 2022 as National Mentoring Month and presented the proclamation to Dr. Tim Herron, CEO, Degrees of Change; Jonathan Jackson, Executive Director, Palmer Scholars; and Josh Garcia, Superintendent, Tacoma Public Schools.

9. [22-0021](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition.

Mayor Woodards recognized Will Hausa, Director, Waterversity, and Tisha Marie Wosencroft, Founder, LegallyBLACK, and presented the Compassionate Tacoma recognition to Mr. Hausa and Ms. Wosencroft.

10. [22-0015](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented an update on systems transformation, including updates to transformation reporting; Racial Equity Action Plans (REAP), noting the three goals, including that the workforce reflects the community it serves, purposeful community outreach and engagement, and equitable service delivery to all residents and visitors; and monthly highlight presentations from departments on their progress using REAPs as a framework. She continued by reviewing what the departmental highlight presentations will look like, including the department name; racial demographics of the department and hiring processes; an example of each goal breakdown, noting outcomes, actions, and measurements; an example of a transformation highlight, noting the highlighted area of Equity in Contracting, the City Council priority area of livable wage jobs, and context; and introduced Carol Wolfe, Division Manager, Community and Economic Development. Ms. Wolfe further reviewed the Equity in Contracting transformation highlight, noting actions taken, results, and insight. City Manager Pauli concluded by further outlining an example of a departmental highlight presentation, including work that will further their anti-racist transformation; and stated that each monthly presentation will continue to include the City Manager's update, noting recent accomplishments, upcoming community engagements, and the transformation timeline and history.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:44 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kit Burns, speaking on Resolution No. 40900.
2. Les Pogue Jr., speaking on Heal the Heart of Tacoma.
3. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Item No. 22-0030 and Ordinance No. 28801.
4. Devin Rydel Kelly, speaking on Ordinance No. 28801.

Public Comment ended at 5:53 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

11. [22-0016](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Washington State Department of Transportation v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 20-2-05528-5, relating to construction costs resulting from WSDOT’s Interstate 5 Northbound HOV project between the Puyallup River and Portland Avenue, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$3.5 million.

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SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

12. [22-0030](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City’s payment of the balance of its self-insured retention, in the amount of \$2,633,302, toward the full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Cesar Beltran-Serrano, an incapacitated person, individually, and Bianca Beltran as guardian *ad litem* of the person and estate of Cesar Beltran-Serrano v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 15-2-11618-1, a case relating to an officer-involved shooting, with the balance of the \$6,000,000 settlement to be paid by the City’s excess liability insurance carrier.

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SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

APPOINTMENTS

13. [RES40902](#) A resolution appointing the City Council Members to various national, state, regional, and local committees, boards, and commissions, including the City Council’s Standing Committees, through December 31, 2022.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40902.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

14. [ORD28801](#) 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 Tacoma Police Union, Local 6, I.U.P.A.; the Tacoma Police Management Association, Local 26; and the Professional Public Safety Management Association.
[Kari L. Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28801.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 6:01 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received five written comments for Community Forum regarding COVID-19 testing; Resolution No. 40900, relating to the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Ethos Development LLC; and the Home in Tacoma Project.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Barbara Church, regarding the Tacoma Police Department (TPD).
2. Callista Brown, regarding the TPD.
3. Sally Perkins, regarding the TPD.
4. Les Pogue Jr., regarding appreciation for community participation in City Council meetings.
5. Kit Burns, regarding the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project.
6. Oneida Arnold, regarding the Community's Police Advisory Committee.
7. Devin Rydel Kelly, regarding Washington State Legislature bills, the TPD, transparency, and building a community crisis response team.
8. April Smith, regarding Tacoma Municipal Code 8.07.010.
9. Kathy Lawhon, regarding COVID-19 cases and deaths, and charges from Alberta, Canada.

Community Forum ended at 6:17 p.m.

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Mayor Woodards addressed comments regarding the TPD; and stated the systems transformation updates, various study recommendations, and 21st Century Policing Solutions' recommendations are available on the City's website at cityoftacoma.org/transform.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Deputy Mayor Ushka, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the December 9, 2021, meeting, the Committee received a presentation on City camping ordinance options; and stated the next meeting will be held on January 13, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include elections for Committee Chair and Vice Chair, an update on the camping ordinance options, and discussion on the committees, boards, and commissions that report to the Committee.

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Mayor Woodards addressed emails and phone calls received regarding potholes in the City, noting that Public Works Street Operations street hole patching crews are out patching the streets, community members can report potholes by dialing 311, and weather permitting, it will take two to three weeks of patching operations to fill potholes on arterials. She continued with an update on the COVID-19 pandemic, noting an increase in deaths; encouraged everyone to get vaccinated, quarantine if they have symptoms, and get tested if needed; the recommended quarantine period has been shortened to five days along with an additional five days of wearing a mask around others; and that more information about quarantine protocols, vaccines, and testing can be found at tpchd.org/coronavirus. Mayor Woodards concluded by inviting everyone to watch the City's annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration on Monday, January 17, 2022, at 8:00 p.m., which would be live streamed online, through Facebook, and aired on TV Tacoma; and reminding everyone that the January 18, 2022, City Council study session and business meeting have been cancelled, and the next regularly scheduled study session and business meeting will be held on January 25, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk