



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**January 05, 2021**

**5:00 PM**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

All Council Members participated virtually.

## **FLAG SALUTE**

Council Member Ushka 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 Ushka.

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

In honor of Lee Revelle, Paul Chromey, and 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. [20-0979](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, October 8, 2020.
2. [20-0980](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, November 12, 2020.
3. [20-0981](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee special meeting, November 19, 2020.
4. [20-0982](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee special meeting, November 23, 2020.

## CONSENT AGENDA

5. [21-0010](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, November 24, 2020.
6. [21-0022](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, December 1, 2020.
7. [21-0023](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, December 8, 2020.
8. [21-0027](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, December 15, 2020.
9. [21-0017](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, November 24, 2020.
10. [21-0016](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, December 1, 2020.
11. [21-0018](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, December 8, 2020.
12. [21-0021](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, December 14, 2020.
13. [21-0020](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, December 15, 2020.
14. [21-0015](#) Minutes of the Virtual Forum, November 24, 2020.

## RESOLUTIONS

15. [RES40719](#) A resolution setting Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate the air rights over a westerly portion of Tacoma Avenue South, lying southerly of South 14th Street, to facilitate design variability on a residential building project.  
(1402 Tacoma, LLC; File No. 124.1422)  
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]
16. [RES40720](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, January 26, 2021, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 1.19 acres of Tacoma Power property, located in central unincorporated Lewis County near Mossyrock, adjacent to Mayfield Lake, to Michael and Cheryl Jensen, for the amount of \$125,500.  
[Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

17. [ORD28656](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of South 66th Street right-of-way, lying between South Adams Street and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit) railroad corridor lying westerly of South Tacoma Way, to be incorporated into the southerly abutting two parcels for business expansion and related commercial use.  
(Steve and Darlene Guiberson; File No. 124.1404)  
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]
18. [ORD28684](#) An ordinance vacating a dead-end segment of East “T” Street, also referenced as East “R” Street and formerly known as Dayton Street, south of the existing driveway to Lister Elementary School, to be incorporated into the adjacent park property as a private entrance and for other use with park enhancements and improvements.  
(Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma; File No. 124.1412)  
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40719 and 40720 and final reading of Ordinance Nos. 28656 and 28684.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40719 and 40720 and final reading of Ordinance Nos. 28656 and 28684. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

## **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

19.     [21-0013](#)         Proclaiming January 2021 as Whole Child Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed January 2021 as Whole Child Month and presented the proclamation to Laura Allen, Director of Whole Child, Tacoma Public Schools.

20.     [21-0014](#)         Recognizing the Foss Waterway Development Authority.

Mayor Woodards recognized the Foss Waterway Development Authority and presented the recognition to Joe Zawacki, Board Member, Foss Waterway Development Authority Board.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:23 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Sally Perkins, speaking on Resolution No. 40723.
2. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution No. 40723.
3. Barbara Church, speaking on Resolution No. 40723.

Public Comment ended at 5:32 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

21. [21-0033](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Adam Vogland and Tiffany Jesse v. State of Washington, Zachery Bainter and Jane Doe Bainter, and City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 18-2-13108-7, relating to a motor vehicle accident, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$100,000.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Adam Vogland and Tiffany Jesse v. State of Washington, Zachery Bainter and Jane Doe Bainter, and City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 18-2-13108-7, relating to a motor vehicle accident, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$100,000.**

**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

## APPOINTMENTS

22. [RES40721](#) A resolution nominating and re-electing Deputy Mayor Keith Blocker to the office of Deputy Mayor to serve an additional one-year term to expire December 31, 2021. [Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40721.**

**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

23. [RES40722](#) A resolution appointing, reappointing, and reassigning individuals to the Community's Police Advisory Committee.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40722.**

**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

24. [RES40723](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Tacoma Police Management Association, Local 26, consisting of 19 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.  
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40723.**

**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

25. [RES40724](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Teamsters Local Union No. 117, Tacoma Venues and Events Unit, to extend alternate work schedules to address budget constraints.  
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40724.**

**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

26. [ORD28728](#) 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 Management Association, Local 26.  
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28728 was set over for final reading next week.**

27. [ORD28729](#) An ordinance amending Chapters 2.02 and 2.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Building and Plumbing Codes, to repeal existing sections and incorporate new provisions to align with Washington State adoption of changes to state building codes, effective February 1, 2021.  
[Susan Coffman, Building Official; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28729 was set over for final reading next week.**

28. [ORD28730](#) An ordinance amending Chapters 3.02 and 3.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Fire Prevention Code and Mobile Fueling Operating and Permitting Requirements, to adopt the 2018 International Fire Code, along with state and local amendments, effective February 1, 2021.

[Chris Seaman, Senior Principal Engineer; Toryono Green, Fire Chief]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28730 was set over for final reading next week.**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

29. [20-0987](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed amendments to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development projects.

[Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

The public hearing began at 6:09 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kathy Lawhon, resident.

The public hearing ended at 6:28 p.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli invited the community to view the transformation webpage at [cityoftacoma.org/transform](http://cityoftacoma.org/transform) to see updates on police reform, including a presentation on the progress of body worn camera implementation.

## **COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

### **Economic Development Committee**

Council Member Thoms, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported at the December 8, 2020, meeting, the Committee received presentations on retail cannabis in Tacoma and updating an ordinance related to parking on a grade; and the next meeting will be held on January 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., through Zoom, and will include presentations on the status and



prospects for Federal funding for COVID-19 recovery and a proposal for the special events competitive funding process.

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Mayor Woodards announced that COVID-19 cases are still high, and asked everyone to wear their masks, social distance, wash their hands, and limit gatherings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk