



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**August 31, 2021**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - Beale and Thoms

Council Member Thoms arrived at 5:08 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member McCarthy 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 McCarthy.

## 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. [21-0846](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, July 28, 2021.

## CONSENT AGENDA

2. [21-0848](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees study session, April 6, 2021.

- 3. [21-0843](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, April 13, 2021.
- 4. [21-0844](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, April 20, 2021.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - Beale and Thoms

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council Member Thoms arrived here, at 5:08 p.m.

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- 5. [21-0845](#) Proclaiming September 10-19, 2021, as Welcoming Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed September 10-19, 2021, as Welcoming Week and presented the proclamation to Sandra Sych, Commissioner, Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 8, Ordinance No. 28756, regarding unlawful use of public property, at this time.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

8. [ORD28756](#) (Continued from the meeting of June 15, 2021) An ordinance amending Title 8 of the Municipal Code, relating to Public Safety, by adding a new Chapter 8.19, entitled “Use of Public Property”, to align with the amended declaration of emergency and providing a comprehensive response to public health concerns related to camping and storage of personal items on public property.  
[Council Member Thoms]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to continue Ordinance No. 28756 to a date to be determined.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to amend the motion to continue Ordinance No. 28756 to the meeting of November 2, 2021.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**Council Member Hines made a friendly amendment to continue Ordinance No. 28756 to the meeting of November 16, 2021.**

**The friendly amendment was accepted by Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Nays:** 1 - Blocker

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 6:27 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received four written comments for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28756 regarding unlawful use of public property.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on the Welcoming Week proclamation and COVID-19 cases.
2. Dan Cardwell, speaking on the proposed annexation of the Manitou Potential Annexation Area.

Public Comment ended at 6:33 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### APPOINTMENTS

6. [RES40835](#) A resolution revising the appointments of the City Council Members to various national, state, regional, and local committees, boards, and commissions, including the City Council's Standing Committees, for the year 2021.

[Mayor Woodards]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40835.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

### FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

7. [ORD28776](#) 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 Firefighters Union, Local 31, and the Professional Public Safety Management Association, and changes in classifications to reflect the organizational structure.

[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Kari Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Shelby Fritz, Human Resources Director]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28776.**

**The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

8. [ORD28756](#) (Continued from the meeting of November 9, 2021) An ordinance amending Title 8 of the Municipal Code, relating to Public Safety, by adding a new Chapter 8.19, entitled “Use of Public Property”, to align with the amended declaration of emergency and providing a comprehensive response to public health concerns related to camping and storage of personal items on public property.  
[Council Member Thoms]

Ordinance No. 28756 was continued to the meeting of November 16, 2021, earlier in the meeting

## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

9. [21-0803](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the draft Interlocal Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with Pierce County on the proposed annexation of the Manitou Potential Annexation Area.  
[Lihuang Wung, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

The public hearing began at 6:39 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received no written comment for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Sandra Wolmack, resident.
2. Dan Cardwell, resident.

The public hearing ended at 6:57 p.m.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

## COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

### Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Ushka, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety (CVS) Committee, reported at the August 12, 2021, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Human Services Commission and the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, recommended the

appointment of a recent applicant to the Human Rights Commission, and received a presentation on updates to the Tacoma Rental Housing Code and just cause evictions; and at the August 26, 2021, meeting, the Committee received presentations on a proposed language access plan, and an update on the Community's Police Advisory Committee. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on September 9, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include a presentation on Washington House Bill 1590, and a discussion on Committees, Boards, and Commissions that report to the CVS Committee.

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Council Member McCarthy informed the Council Members they received a letter from him regarding the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee's recommendations for the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations and Industrial Land Use Regulations, which include eight amendments for consideration. He concluded by reviewing the next steps and stating more information will be provided by staff.

Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that the September 7, 2021, City Council study session and business meeting are cancelled. She continued by stating COVID-19 is still here, the 14 day case rate per 100,000 is 623, and encouraged everyone to get vaccinated, wash their hands, and wear their masks.

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to excuse Council Member Beale from the meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk