



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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6:00 PM

VIRTUAL FORUM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the Virtual Forum to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

COMMUNITY MEMBER COMMENTS

Community Member Comments began at 6:35 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received four written comments for Community Member Comments, regarding the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma and Click! cable television.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Athena Brewer, regarding neighborhood councils.
2. April Smith, regarding City sidewalks, the South End Neighborhood Action Plans, and organized neighborhood walks.
3. Les Pogue Jr., regarding the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma, affordable housing, and communication with Council Members.
4. Mindy B., regarding street racing.
5. Heidi Stevens, regarding surplus property, aquifers, and the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma.
6. Kimberly, regarding homelessness and safety.
7. Vicky Buford, regarding litter and community service clean-up programs.
8. Logan Harvey, regarding bicycle infrastructure and garbage service.
9. Pamela, regarding public safety, crime, and street racing.
10. Marilyn Kimmerling, regarding glass recycling, the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma, affordable housing, and surplus property.
11. Kit Burns, regarding the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project.
12. Theresa Evans, regarding crime.
13. Kathy Evanson, regarding crime.

14. Kathy Lawhon, regarding crime, the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma, aquifers, and the Tacoma Police Department (TPD).
15. Kiel, regarding public safety, crime, and the TPD.
16. Derek Eyring, regarding public safety and crime.
17. Lana Alisdairi, regarding crime, homelessness, and public safety.
18. Jen McLamore, regarding crime and homelessness.
19. Michael Johnson, regarding crime and the TPD.
20. Brooke Bernard, regarding crime and public safety.
21. David Gomez, regarding public safety, homelessness, and crime.

Community Member Comments ended at 7:18 p.m.

Council Member Hines addressed comments regarding affordable housing.

Mayor Woodards addressed comments regarding street racing, the TPD, and crime.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli announced that TPD Chief Avery Moore will provide an update on the TPD crime reduction plan at the Tuesday, April 19, 2022, study session. She further stated that a Management Fellow will gather contact information for the small business owners attending the Virtual Forum to set up a discussion on what the City had done or has underway, and to hear any additional ideas on addressing crime in the City.

Council Member Rumbaugh informed everyone that the small business owners in attendance are holding a meeting on Monday, April 4, 2022, at the offices of John L. Scott Real Estate.

Mayor Woodards further stated the City is reviewing the alternative response study and reassessing how to address homelessness, mental health, and behavioral health calls.

Deputy Mayor Ushka stated the City is working to implement changes based on the assessment on alternative calls for service, but are having difficulties as there are not enough qualified people to fill the developmental workforce positions. She further addressed comments regarding homelessness, and expressed appreciation for the speakers who attended and provided comments.

Council Member McCarthy addressed comments regarding crime, the TPD, homelessness, and public safety.

Mayor Woodards announced that there are 50 vacant TPD positions and transformation efforts are still underway, with 70 percent of the budget going to public safety; and addressed comments regarding homelessness.

City Manager Pauli stated City staff have analyzed and evaluated 1,140 different public properties for potential shelter sites.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

There were no other items of interest.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the Virtual Forum was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk