



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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October 27, 2020

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

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 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. [20-0749](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, September 22, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. [20-0742](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, July 28, 2020.
3. [20-0740](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, August 4, 2020.

4. [20-0741](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, August 11, 2020.
5. [20-0750](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole special meeting, October 13, 2020.

RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES40678](#) A resolution setting Thursday, December 3, 2020, at 1:30 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of East “K” Street, and alley, between East 26th Street and East Wiley Avenue, west of East “L” Street, for business development and expansion.
(Nielsen Pacific, LTD et al.; File No. 124.1421)
[Ronda Van Allen, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40678.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40678. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. [20-0753](#) Recognizing South Sound 911.

Mayor Woodards recognized South Sound 911 and presented the recognition to Ms. Deborah Grady, Executive Director, South Sound 911.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:14 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received no written comments for Public Comment.

No individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:17 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. [20-0752](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of June Sellers-Stubbs v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 20-2-05292-8, relating to an injury sustained while at the Tacoma Dome, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$52,500.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of June Sellers Stubbs v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 20-2-05292-8, relating to an injury sustained while at the Tacoma Dome, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$52,500.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

APPOINTMENTS

9. [RES40679](#) A resolution appointing Logan Cornwell to the Mayor’s Youth Commission of Tacoma leadership team.
[Bucoda Warren, Council Policy Analyst; Tadd Wille, Deputy City Manager, City Manager’s Office]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40679.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

10. [20-0685](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Ad Valorem and Emergency Medical Services tax levies for 2021.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

The public hearing began at 5:21 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comments for the public hearing.

No individuals addressed the City Council.

The public hearing ended at 5:29 p.m.

11. [20-0686](#) This is the date set for the first public hearing by the City Council on the proposed 2021-2022 Biennial Operating Budget.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

The public hearing began at 5:29 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 17 written comments for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Abbie Zulock, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 120.
2. Naomi, resident.
3. Holly, resident.
4. Tanya Tran, resident.
5. Jenelle Walter, resident.
6. Dee Sonntag, resident.
7. JoLyn Reisdorf, Tacoma Public Library.
8. Jonathan Pottle, resident.
9. Nolan Hibbard Pelly, resident.
10. Brekke Midtlyng, resident.
11. Devin Rydel Kelly, Tacoma and Pierce County Democratic Socialists of America.
12. Theresa Evans, resident.
13. Zebb Bruser, resident.
14. Athena Brewer, South End Neighborhood Council.
15. Katie Van Etten, resident.
16. Mellisa, resident.
17. Morgan Nova, resident.

The public hearing ended at 6:10 p.m.

12. [20-0687](#)

This is the date set for the first public hearing by the City Council on the proposed 2021-2022 Capital Budget and 2021-2026 Capital Facilities Program. [Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

The public hearing began at 6:10 p.m.

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

No individuals addressed the City Council.

The public hearing ended at 6:11 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli informed everyone that a warming shelter was set up at the Eastside Community Center over the weekend; the shelter served 26 individuals with a safe, warm, and dry place with food provided by volunteers; and stated that when weather conditions return to 32 degrees and below, the shelter will reopen.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Economic Development Committee

Council Member Thoms, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported that today's meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum, but he received a brief update on the Curbside Cafe and Market program; he further stated the Committee has received an update recently on the economic impacts of COVID-19 on the business community in Tacoma, and Pierce County's "Restaurant Rally" program to support restaurants.

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Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that applications are being accepted for the Heal the Heart of Tacoma Core Coordinating Team through November 9, 2020, and stated that applications can be found at cityoftacoma.org/healththeheart.

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

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Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that the City Council will be conducting the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) Governing Board special meeting following the City Council meeting, and that Virtual Forum is also tonight, and will begin promptly following the adjournment of the TBD Governing Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk