



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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September 01, 2020

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Beale.

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. [20-0546](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, August 12, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. [20-0552](#) Minutes of the joint City Council and Public Utility Board study session, June 30, 2020.

RESOLUTIONS

3. [RES40643](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, September 29, 2020, 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 potential reauthorization and extension of the Tideflats Interim Regulations.
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

4. [RES40644](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Noxious Weed Program, in the amount of \$300,000, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, for the treatment of nuisance weeds in the Regional Flett Stormwater Ponds, located within Mountain View Cemetery, for a five-year period.
[Chris Burke, Senior Environmental Specialist; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40643 and 40644.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40643 and 40644. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. [20-0551](#) Proclaiming Sunday, September 13, 2020, as Reverend Dr. Arthur C. Banks Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Sunday, September 13, 2020, as Reverend Dr. Arthur C. Banks Day and presented the proclamation to Reverend Dr. Arthur C. Banks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:13 p.m.

Public Comment ended at 5:15 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received five written comments for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28687, regarding the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program, and Ordinance No. 28689, regarding an amendment to Title 12 of the Municipal Code, supporting implementation of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project; and two additional written comments regarding various local issues, including affordable housing and the Tideflats Interim Regulations.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

6. [RES40645](#) A resolution appointing and confirming Chanjolee “Joe” Bushnell to the Tacoma Public Utility Board to fill an unexpired term, effective October 1, 2020, to expire June 30, 2025.
[Council Members Hines, Hunter, Thoms, and Walker]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40645.

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

7. [RES40646](#) A resolution changing the regular meetings for the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee to the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, at 4:30 p.m., effective September 2, 2020.
[Council Members Beale, Hunter, McCarthy, and Walker]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40646.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

8. [ORD28687](#) An ordinance adopting the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amended for the years 2020 and 2021-2026.
[Jennifer Kammerzell, Principal Engineer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to amend Ordinance No. 28687, adopting the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program for the years 2020 and 2021-2026, to add an additional project titled, South 72nd Improvements, “D” to “A” Streets for roadway improvements along South 72nd Street from “D” Street to “A” Street to improve pedestrian mobility, and add intersection treatments to facilitate pedestrian and bicycle movements.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28687, as amended.
The Ordinance, as amended, was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

9. [ORD28688](#) An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 23295, relating to the Department of Public Utilities Fleet Services Fund, to transfer operating division fleet assets to the divisions for funding flexibility while maintaining the purchasing and maintenance responsibilities within Tacoma Public Utilities Fleet Services. [Travis Metcalfe, Assistant Power Section Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28688.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

10. [ORD28689](#) An ordinance amending Title 12 of the Municipal Code, relating to Utilities, by amending various chapters, to support the implementation of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project. [Matt Hubbard, Power Engineer; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28689.
The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli invited the community to view weekly updates on the City's system-wide transformation efforts on the transformation webpage at cityoftacoma.org/transform. She further informed Council Members that in collaboration between City staff and the Pierce County Human Services Department staff, a recommendation has been prepared for Council Members for a mortgage foreclosure assistance program and that a description of the program and the recommendation will be coming to them soon.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Hunter, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported at the August 18, 2020, meeting, the Committee interviewed applicants and made a recommendation for an appointment to the Public Utility Board. She stated the September meetings have been cancelled, and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, and will include a presentation on Tacoma Public Utility's rate plans for the next biennium.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to suspend Rule 9.C of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma to hold Community Forum on the third Tuesday in the month of September.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

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Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that the September 8, 2020, City Council study session and business meeting are cancelled, and Community Forum has been moved to the September 15, 2020, meeting.

Council Member Hines announced that Boris, the oldest known polar bear, passed away today at the Point Defiance Zoo.

Mayor Woodards informed everyone that COVID-19 cases are down slightly and the curve is flattening out, and asked everyone to wear their mask, wash their hands, and social distance.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk