



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**June 23, 2020**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:21 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

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.

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

There were no items filed in the City Clerk's Office.

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. [20-0403](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, May 15, 2020.
2. [20-0405](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, May 19, 2020.
3. [20-0406](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, May 22, 2020.
4. [20-0407](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, May 29, 2020.

**RESOLUTIONS**

5.     [RES40615](#)     A resolution setting Thursday, July 23, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of South 4th Street, lying between Broadway and Court C, to facilitate an affordable family housing project. (YWCA Home at Last LLC; File No. 124.1399)  
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]
6.     [RES40616](#)     A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the University of Washington Tacoma, to continue temporary parking during construction of the hotel adjacent to the Greater Tacoma Convention Center, through December 31, 2020.  
[Merita Trohimovich, Principal Engineer; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

7.     [ORD28587](#)     An ordinance vacating an area of alley right-of-way lying between North 15th and North 16th Streets, beginning at a private section of former North Lawrence Street and running in an easterly direction, for development of the area as a gateway to a new Welcome Center for the University of Puget Sound.  
(University of Puget Sound; File No. 124.1395)  
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40615 and 40616 and final reading of Ordinance No. 28587.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40615 and 40616 and final reading of Ordinance No. 28587. 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**

There were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements.

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to suspend the rules to add a Resolution, Resolution No. 40618 to tonight’s agenda, as Item 9A, requesting the Citizen Police Advisory Committee to review the Tacoma Police Department’s draft body worn camera policy; outline an engagement process for public review and comment; and provide advisory recommendations to the City Manager.**

**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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:26 p.m.

Public Comment ended at 5:27 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received seven written comments for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28677, regarding the Firearms and Ammunition Tax; and 158 additional written comments, including one regarding meter box lids and 157 regarding the Police Department.

## REGULAR AGENDA

8. [20-0413](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all personal injury claims against the City by Allison Durkin in the matter of Allison Durkin v. City of Tacoma, et al, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 18-2-14020-5, relating to personal injuries from a sidewalk trip and fall accident, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$128,000.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all personal injury claims against the City by Allison Durkin in the matter of Allison Durkin v. City of Tacoma, et al, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 18-2-14020-5, relating to personal injuries from a sidewalk trip and fall accident, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$128,000.**

**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

## RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES40617](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Tac Build LLC, for the development of 17 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 810 Yakima Avenue, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40617.**

**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

- 9A. [RES40618](#) A resolution requesting the Citizen Police Advisory Committee to review the Tacoma Police Department’s draft body worn camera policy; outline an engagement process for public review and comment; and provide advisory recommendations to the City Manager.  
[Mayor Woodards]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40618.**

**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

**FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

10. [ORD28676](#) 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 Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen.  
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28676. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

- 11.     [ORD28677](#)     An ordinance amending Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28624, relating to Firearms and Ammunition Tax, to change the effective date of the tax from July 1, 2020, to a date to be determined by the City Council in January 2021, and making this ordinance effective on July 1, 2020.  
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28677 was set over for final reading next week.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

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

There were no Standing Committee reports given.

Mayor Woodards thanked the organizers of the Juneteenth celebrations in Tacoma, and stated there were more peaceful protests with clear demands over the weekend and that Council Members have had many conversations during study session and Committee of the Whole around what the City is committed to doing in regards to reform in general.

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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

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk