



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 890 2715 0863

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August 18, 2020

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Ushka.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Elder Arnold Myers Sr., as well as 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. [20-0501](#) Minutes of the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board, April 16, 2020.
2. [20-0516](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, July 22, 2020.
3. [20-0502](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, July 13, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. [20-0505](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, June 16, 2020.
5. [20-0503](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, June 23, 2020.

6. [20-0509](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, July 7, 2020.
7. [20-0510](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, July 14, 2020.
8. [20-0511](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, July 21, 2020.

RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES40638](#) A resolution setting Thursday, October 1, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of the undeveloped north side of South 62nd Street right-of-way, to cure an encroachment.
(Lee Pate; File No. 124.1415)
[Teague Pasco, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

10. [ORD28616](#) An ordinance vacating the east 12 feet of Fawcett Avenue, lying between the southerly line of South 21st Street and the northerly line of South 23rd Street, to facilitate site improvements and future development.
(North American Asset Management Group, LLC; File No. 124.1397)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

11. [ORD28686](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of South 4th Street, lying between Broadway and Court C, to facilitate development of an affordable family housing project.
(YWCA Home at Last LLC; File No. 124.1399)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40638, final reading of Ordinance No. 28616, and first reading of Ordinance No. 28686.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28686.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Abstain: 1 - McCarthy

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40638, final reading of Ordinance No. 28616, and setting Ordinance No. 28686 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Abstain: 1 - McCarthy

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to suspend the rules to add a proclamation to tonight's agenda and to consider the proclamation after Item 14 as Item 14A, proclaiming Tuesday, August 18, 2020, as Lincoln Hardware Appreciation Day.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:07 p.m.

Public Comment ended at 5:08 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comment for Public Comment; and three written comments regarding the Tacoma Police Department, the Northwest ICE Processing Center, and Manuel Ellis.

REGULAR AGENDA

12. [20-0517](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matters of the Estate of Cale Tyler v. City of Tacoma and the Estate of Alexandria Lewis v. City of Tacoma, consolidated under Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 17-2-13629-3, relating to the 2015 death of Cale Tyler and the 2016 death of Alexandria Lewis, upon a combined payment by the City in the amount of \$700,000.

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SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

APPOINTMENTS

13. [RES40639](#) A resolution appointing Pastor Michael Purter to the Board of Commissioners of the Tacoma Housing Authority for a term beginning August 18, 2020, to expire on August 18, 2025.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40639.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

14. [20-0478](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed 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]

The public hearing began at 5:12 p.m.

The public hearing ended at 5:15 p.m.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 14A. [20-0529](#) Proclaiming August 18-25, 2020, as Lincoln Hardware Appreciation Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Tuesday, August 18, 2020, as Lincoln Hardware Appreciation Day.

Mayor Woodards amended the proclamation to proclaim August 18-25, 2020, as Lincoln Hardware Appreciation Week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided an update on the City's system transformation efforts and stated on August 13, 2020, the Community's Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) hosted a community conversation on the City's body worn camera policy where close to 100 people participated and 89 of the participants filled out a meeting survey, which included their input on the body worn camera policy. She concluded by thanking the CPAC for their effort and work, the public for participating, and the Council Members who listened to the meeting; and reminded everyone to visit the transformation webpage at cityoftacoma.org/transform.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

There were no standing committee reports given.

Council Member Thoms concurred with City Manager Pauli and expressed appreciation for CPAC and the volunteers in the community for making the meetings happen and for the dedication the community is showing.

Council Member Hines honored Tacoma resident Wayne Hagen, who recently passed away, and shared past memories of Mr. Hagen.

Council Member Ushka expressed gratitude for the Neighborhood and Community Services staff for their work on the Tacoma Emergency Micro-Shelters (TEMS) site at East 60th Street and McKinley Avenue as well as the transition center on Puyallup Avenue. She concluded by informing the public that there are volunteer opportunities at the TEMS site for those interested in helping.

Mayor Woodards expressed gratitude to CPAC for their work on the community conversation.

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

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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 5:33 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk