



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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March 23, 2021

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

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 former Steilacoom Mayor Ron Lucas and 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. [21-0271](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, February 17, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. [21-0242](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, February 9, 2021.
3. [21-0276](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, February 9, 2021.
4. [21-0284](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, February 16, 2021.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

5. [ORD28679](#) An ordinance vacating a dead-end portion of South Oregon Avenue, also referenced as South Oregon Street, lying between Titus-Will Enterprises, Inc. and Costco Wholesale Corporation whose businesses are bounded by South Pine Street and South Sprague Avenue, for secured parking and other related business uses. (Titus-Will Enterprises, Inc.; File No. 124.1411)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]
6. [ORD28745](#) (First and Final Reading) An ordinance providing for the formation of Local Improvement District No. 8669, establishing a grade and the placement of upgraded permanent street pavement with a structural section, together with the installation of concrete curbs, gutters, sidewalks, surface water mains, and surface water catch basins, where needed on Fir Street, from North 13th Street to North 15th Street.
[Ralph Rodriguez, LID Administrator; Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]
7. [ORD28746](#) (First and Final Reading) An ordinance providing for the formation of Local Improvement District No. 8670, establishing a grade and the placement of upgraded permanent street pavement with a structural section, together with the installation of concrete curbs, gutters, surface water mains, and surface water catch basins, where needed on Ferry Street, from South 12th Street to South 14th Street.
[Ralph Rodriguez, LID Administrator; Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Ordinance No. 28679 and first and final reading of Ordinance Nos. 28745 and 28746.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance Nos. 28745 and 28746.

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

Abstain: 1 - McCarthy

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Ordinance No. 28679 and first and final reading of Ordinance Nos. 28745 and 28746. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

Abstain: 1 - McCarthy

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. [21-0295](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation.

Deputy City Manager Tadd Wille presented an update on systems transformation, including new items, noting City Council actions and Heal the Heart of Tacoma, new policies and transforming existing programs, current state analysis of the Tacoma Police Department (TPD), administrative changes and process improvements, and the legislative agenda at the local, state, and federal levels. He concluded by reviewing recent accomplishments and items in progress or up next, and next steps and long range transformation timelines.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:14 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received seven written comments for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28747, regarding House Bill 1590.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Amanda DeShazo, regarding Ordinance No. 28747.
2. Josef Barlow-Farrar, regarding Ordinance No. 28747.
3. Michael Mirra, regarding Ordinance No. 28747.
4. Kimber Starr, regarding Ordinance No. 28747.
5. Devin Rydel Kelly, regarding Ordinance No. 28747.
6. Kiara Daniels, regarding Ordinance No. 28747.
7. Megan Capes, regarding Ordinance No. 28747.
8. Quantum Richardson, regarding Ordinance No. 28748.
9. Lua Pritchard, regarding Ordinance No. 28747.

Public Comment ended at 5:31 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

9. [RES40760](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40760.

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

10. [RES40761](#) A resolution authorizing the appropriate City officials to approve the Washington State Department of Ecology Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Plans for the Puyallup River Watershed and the Chambers-Clover Creek Watershed.
[Merita Trohimovich, P.E., Principal Engineer; Michael P. Slevin, III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40761.

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

11. [RES40762](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Jeffrey Jones, for the development of five multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing

units, located at 232 South 70th Street, in the Upper Pacific Mixed-Use Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director,
Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt
Resolution No. 40762.**

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

12. [RES40763](#) A resolution denouncing anti-Asian American and Pacific Islanders sentiment due to fears of the COVID-19 pandemic, and affirming the City's commitment to the well-being and safety of our Asian American communities.
[Mayor Woodards and Council Members Thoms and Ushka]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt
Resolution No. 40763.**

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

**ACTION: Roll call vote was requested and taken. The Resolution was
declared adopted.**

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

13. [ORD28747](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.70 of the Municipal Code, relating to Local Option Taxes, by adding Section 6A.70.041 entitled “Additional sales or use tax for housing and related services - Imposition” and Section 6A.70.042 entitled “Additional sales or use tax for housing and related services - Rate,” and amending Section 6A.70.120 relating to “Administration and collection of taxes” to authorize the maximum capacity of the tax authorized under the provisions of House Bill 1590 for housing and related services.
[Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28747 was set over for final reading next week.

14. [ORD28748](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 11.05 of the Municipal Code, relating to Model Traffic Ordinance, by adding a new Section 11.05.132, entitled “Unlawful exhibition of speed prohibited” relating to illegal speed exhibition activities within the City limits; and directing the City Manager to collect data on the enforcement of this ordinance and to present findings and recommendations to the City Council on the effectiveness of this ordinance, with a focus on racial equity, no later than six months after implementation by the Tacoma Police Department.
[Council Member Hunter]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28748 was set over for final reading next week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

15. [21-0254](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 4,225 square feet of Tacoma Power property, located in the Graham vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County, to Pierce County, for the amount of \$17,450.
[Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

The public hearing began at 6:58 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 7:03 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member McCarthy, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the March 10, 2021, meeting, the Committee received presentations on proposed updates to the City's Stormwater Management Manual and on a draft policy proposal regarding decarbonization; and stated the next meeting will be held on March 24, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., and will include information briefings on the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District and an update on the Recycle Reset program.

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Mayor Woodards informed Council Members of a press release from TPD Interim Chief Mike Ake regarding action that was taken at the Pierce County Council meeting today, where Council Chair Derek Young directed Pierce County Council staff to begin the process of finding an independent investigator to examine the events of January 27, 2021, regarding Pierce County Sheriff Ed Troyer. She stated that she plans to release a statement in support of TPD Interim Chief Ake and invited Council Members to voice their interest in releasing a joint statement from the City Council, supporting an independent investigation.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to direct the City Manager to create a statement on behalf of the City Council to support the County Council's position of requesting an independent investigation on the events of January 27, 2021, regarding Pierce County Sheriff Ed Troyer, and supporting TPD Interim Police Chief Mike Ake in his support of the County Council's request for an independent investigation.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk