



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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**July 27, 2021**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - Hines and McCarthy

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Walker 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 Walker.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Dr. Dolores Silas 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. [21-0719](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, March 2, 2021.
2. [21-0720](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee and Audit Advisory Board joint meeting, March 16, 2021.
3. [21-0709](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, June 30, 2021.
4. [21-0690](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, July 7, 2021.
5. [21-0688](#) Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma Annual Report, 2020-2021.

## CONSENT AGENDA

6. [21-0715](#) Minutes of the Virtual Forum, April 27, 2021.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

**Absent:** 2 - Hines and McCarthy

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. [21-0726](#) Proclaiming July 2021 as United Way Summer Meals Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed July 2021 as United Way Summer Meals Month and presented the proclamation to Dona Ponepinto, President and CEO, United Way of Pierce County.

8. [21-0725](#) Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the United Way of Pierce County.

Mayor Woodards recognized the 100th Anniversary of the United Way of Pierce County and presented the recognition to Dona Ponepinto, President and CEO, United Way of Pierce County.

9. [21-0727](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented an update on systems transformation, including new items, noting new policies and transforming existing programs, current state analysis of the Tacoma Police Department, and administrative changes and process improvements; recent accomplishments and items in progress or up next; and short- and long-range transformation timelines.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:21 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received two written comments for Public Comment on Resolution No. 40816, regarding participation in South Sound Housing Affordability Partners, and Ordinance No. 28773, regarding Electric System Revenue and Refunding Bonds.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution No. 40816.

Public Comment ended at 5:28 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### APPOINTMENTS

10.     [RES40813](#)     A resolution confirming the term extension of Library Board Trustee Wayne Williams for a period not to exceed three months, from September 27, 2021, to December 27, 2021.  
[Mayor Woodards]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40813.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Blocker, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 3 - Beale, Hines and McCarthy

## RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES40814](#) A resolution approving a revision to the Transmission Service Agreement with the Public Utility District No. 1 of Lewis County, to revise the power transmission rate. [Marc Donaldson, Power Engineer; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40814.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Blocker, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards  
**Absent:** 3 - Beale, Hines and McCarthy

12. [RES40815](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Northwest Smart Homes LLC, for the development of 36 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 315 South 30th Street, 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. 40815.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards  
**Absent:** 2 - Hines and McCarthy

13. [RES40816](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement, establishing and confirming participation in South Sound Housing Affordability Partners, and authorizing the use of up to \$22,000 from the Council Contingency Fund, for the purpose of supporting operations startup in 2021.

[Mayor Woodards]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40816.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Blocker, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 3 - Beale, Hines and McCarthy

14. [RES40817](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of \$10,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, for the purpose of supporting the Kinsey African American Art & History Collection at the Tacoma Art Museum and for the installation of a Black Lives Matter mural in Tollefson Plaza.

[Mayor Woodards]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40817.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Blocker, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 3 - Beale, Hines and McCarthy

## **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

15. [ORD28772](#) An ordinance authorizing the extension of and amendments to the Electric System Subordinate Revenue Note, Series 2020 (Taxable); authorizing an amendment to the related Note Purchase Agreement; and delegating the authority to approve the final terms of the amendment.

[Bill Berry, Power Section Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28772 was set over for final reading next week.**

16. [ORD28773](#) An ordinance providing for the issuance of one or more series of Electric System Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$320,000,000 to provide funds to finance and refinance capital improvements to the Electric System, and delegating the authority to approve the final terms of the bonds.  
[Bill Berry, Power Section Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to amend Ordinance No. 28773, at page 39, line 7, to replace the words “forty (40) years” with the words “thirty (30) years.”**

**He further move to amend Ordinance No. 28773, at page 40, line 7, to insert the following language after the first paragraph:**

**“In connection with establishing, fixing and prescribing rates and charges for the upcoming Fiscal Year, the City shall take into account the collection experience in the then-current Fiscal Year. So long as the City has complied with its rate covenants set forth in Section 13.2 and Section 13.3 of this Master Ordinance, failure to collect Net Revenues in an amount equal to at least 1.25 times actual Annual Debt Service at the end of a Fiscal Year shall not constitute a default or an Event of Default under this Master Ordinance so long as the City has complied with this Section 13.3 as of the commencement of such Fiscal Year.”**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Blocker, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards  
**Absent:** 3 - Beale, Hines and McCarthy

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28773, as amended, was set over for final reading next week.**

17. [ORD28774](#) An ordinance authorizing the issuance of an Electric System Subordinate Revenue Note, Series 2021, in the principal amount of not to exceed \$150,000,000 to evidence a revolving line of credit to provide funds to finance and refinance capital improvements to the Electric System; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Note Purchase Agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association in connection with the issuance of the 2021 Note; and delegating the authority to approve the final terms of the 2021 Note.  
[Bill Berry, Power Section Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28774 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**

Council Member Walker reminded everyone that Tuesday, August 3, 2021, is National Night Out.

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Walker, Vice Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the June 23, 2021, meeting, the Committee continued the discussion and presentations on the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations; and at the July 7, 2021, and July 21, 2021, special meetings, the Committee continued the discussion on the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on July 28, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include continued discussion and presentations on the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations.

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to excuse Council Members Hines and McCarthy from the meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Blocker, Hunter, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 3 - Beale, Hines and McCarthy

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk