



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

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August 24, 2021

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Hunter 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 Hunter.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Lloyd Carol "Chill" Trufant 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. [21-0804](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, June 9, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

2. [ORD28775](#) (First and Final Reading) An ordinance providing for the formation of Local Improvement District No. 7732, for conversion of overhead utilities to underground along:

- Cascade Avenue from North 13th Street to the cul-de-sac north of North 17th Street;
- the alley between Cascade Avenue and Fir Street from North 13th Street north to 1528 Cascade Avenue;
- Fir Street from North 15th Street to the cul-de-sac north of North 17th Street;
- North 13th Street from Cascade Avenue to the alley between Cascade Avenue and Fir Street;
- North 15th Street from Jackson Avenue to Fir Street; and
- North 17th Street from Jackson Avenue to Juniper Street.

[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including first and final reading of Ordinance No. 28775.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28775.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Abstain: 1 - Hunter

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including first and final reading of Ordinance No. 28775. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 7 - Beale, Blocker, Hines, McCarthy, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Abstain: 1 - Hunter

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. [21-0819](#) Recognizing Florence “SeeSee” Rigney.

Mayor Woodards recognized Florence "SeeSee" Rigney, retired nurse, and presented the recognition to Ms. Rigney.

4. [21-0820](#) Proclaiming August 31, 2021, as International Overdose Awareness Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed August 31, 2021, as International Overdose Awareness Day and presented the proclamation to Laura Morris, Program Director, Tacoma Fire Department CARES Program, and Chelsea Amato, Opioid Task Force Coordinator, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

5. [21-0818](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli presented an update on systems transformation, including new items, noting a reconciliation project with the National Network for Safe Communities, retention strategies team, Tacoma Police Department (TPD) dashboard cameras, recruitment for the TPD Chief, classification of the TPD Deputy Chief, the Pierce County Force Investigation Team, the 30x30 Initiative, and legislation-related TPD policy updates; and the new transformation website feature. City Manager Pauli introduced Fred Scruggs, Assistant Chief, TPD. Assistant Chief Scruggs provided an update on the Manuel Ellis investigation, including a time frame for interviews of the officers involved, and the City's open public records request with the Washington State Attorney General's Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:37 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received no written comment for Public Comment.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kyle Jolibois, speaking on the recognition for Florence "SeeSee" Rigney and the International Overdose Awareness Day proclamation.
2. Les Pogue Jr., speaking on Assistant Chief Scruggs' update on the Manuel Ellis Investigation.
3. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Assistant Chief Scruggs' update on the Manuel Ellis Investigation, and the City Manager's presentation regarding systems transformation.
4. Barbara Church, speaking on the City Manager's presentation regarding systems transformation.
5. Stephanie Wood, speaking on the International Overdose Awareness Day proclamation.

Public Comment ended at 5:48 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. [21-0830](#) A motion may be considered to confirm the Mayor's Emergency Rule No. 4 requiring City Council and Public Utility Board study sessions and business meetings, and other public meetings of the City of Tacoma be held in virtual format only; and directing the Government Performance and Finance Committee to develop proposed guidelines to potentially allow certain study sessions to be done in hybrid format and present the guidelines to the City Council by the end of September.

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SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

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

Nays: 1 - McCarthy

Absent: 1 - Thoms

APPOINTMENTS

7. [RES40829](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Human Rights Commission, the Human Services Commission, and the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40829.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES40830](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Firefighters Union, Local 31, relating to pay indexing for positions within the Fire Communications Center, retroactive to January 1, 2021.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40830.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

9. [RES40831](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Firefighters Union, Local 31, regarding sick leave cash out provisions, retroactive to January 1, 2021.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40831.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

10. [RES40832](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Professional Public Safety Management Association, regarding Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association (VEBA) eligibility requirements.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40832.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

11. [RES40833](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Professional Public Safety Management Association, creating a new classification of Deputy Police Chief.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40833.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

12. [RES40834](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Professional Public Safety Management Association, consisting of ten budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40834.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

13. [ORD28776](#) 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 Tacoma Firefighters Union, Local 31, and the Professional Public Safety Management Association, and changes in classifications to reflect the organizational structure.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Kari Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Shelby Fritz, Human Resources Director]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28776 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

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member McCarthy, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the July 28, 2021, and August 11, 2021, meetings, and the August 18, 2021, special meeting, the Committee continued the discussions and presentations on the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on August 25, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include continued discussion on the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations; a special meeting may be held on August 30, 2021, to conclude the discussion of the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations, if needed; and the Committee will be sending its report to the full City Council by Monday, August 30, 2021.

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Thoms

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk