



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

February 11, 2020

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Walker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Larry Scheidt.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [20-0115](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, January 21, 2020.
2. [20-0109](#) Disclosure of Remote Interest pursuant to Tacoma City Charter Section 6.6 and Municipal Code Section 1.46.030 A and B as follows:
Name Council Member Kristina Walker
Affiliation Downtown On the Go, Executive Director

CONSENT AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

3. [ORD28653](#) An ordinance reclassifying the property located at 4501 6th Avenue, from an R-3 Two-Family Dwelling District to an R-4-L Low Density Multiple-Family Dwelling District, for the construction of four 4-plexes.
(4501 6th Avenue, LLC; File No. LU19-0163)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

4. [ORD28655](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of North Visscher Street, lying between North Park Way and North Park Avenue, to facilitate private improvements and landscaping.
(Claire and Gabriel Van Guse; File No. 124.1400)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]
5. [ORD28656](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of South 66th Street right-of-way, lying between South Adams Street and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit) railroad corridor lying westerly of South Tacoma Way, to be incorporated into the southerly abutting two parcels for business expansion and related commercial use.
(Steve and Darlene Guiberson; File No. 124.1404)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]
6. [ORD28657](#) An ordinance vacating a 5.66 foot width of the air rights running along the north side of South 15th Street for the length of the abutting parcel addressed as 1351 Fawcett Avenue, beginning 16.5 feet above the existing grade at the southwest corner of another point 73.5 feet directly above, and extend 16.5 feet above the existing grade at the southeast corner of another point 91.2 feet directly above the right-of-way, to facilitate future development.
(1351 Fawcett LLC; File No. 124.1401)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Ordinance No. 28653 and first reading of Ordinance Nos. 28655 through 28657.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance Nos. 28655 through 28657.

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

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including final reading of Ordinance No. 28653 and setting Ordinance Nos. 28655 through 28657 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. [20-0116](#) City of Tacoma partnership with Pierce County Elections.

Ms. Julie Anderson, Pierce County Auditor, thanked the City for their help with projects relating to elections.

7. [20-0117](#) Proclaiming February 2020 as Black History Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed February 2020 as Black History Month and presented the proclamation to Mr. Hasani Frederick, Owner and Motivational Speaker, Legends Barbershop; Mr. Jason Kinlow, Owner, J. Kinlow School of Barbering and Cosmetology; and Mr. Eric Upchurch, Owner and Instructor, Goodfellas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:20 p.m.

No individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:20 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

- 9. [RES40552](#) A resolution appointing David Thompson to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40552.

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

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The City Council meeting recessed at 5:23 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 5:30 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

- 1. Michele Reich, resident, speaking on animal rights.
- 2. Kyle Jolibois, resident, speaking on parks and liquefied natural gas (LNG).
- 3. Sean Arent, resident, speaking on the South 21st Street crosswalk.

4. Illyana Zeski, resident, speaking on the Northwest Detention Center (NWDC).
5. Knyx Knott, resident, speaking on homelessness.
6. Griffin Silver, Puyallup, speaking on LNG.
7. Lauren Moseman, resident, speaking on the NWDC and LNG.
8. Milo Hensley, resident, speaking on the NWDC and LNG.
9. Anna Edmonds, resident, speaking on the NWDC and LNG.
10. Lila Luthy, resident, speaking on the NWDC and LNG.
11. Brentelin Branch, resident, speaking on the Tacoma Police Department.
12. Marilyn Kimmerling, resident, speaking on the NWDC, LNG, homelessness, and the Tacoma Community College wetlands.
13. Elle Grey, resident, speaking on the NWDC.
14. Mitch Owacano, resident, speaking on the NWDC.
15. Daisy Baez, resident, speaking on the NWDC.
16. Brit Schneider, resident, speaking on the NWDC.
17. Mushawn Knowles, resident, speaking on the NWDC.
18. Orion Benedict, resident, speaking on the NWDC.
19. Maru Mora, La Resistencia, speaking on the NWDC.
20. Rose Pytte, resident, speaking on the NWDC.
21. Colin Houde, resident, speaking on the NWDC.
22. Andrea Marcos, resident, speaking on the NWDC.
23. Kathy Lawhon, resident, speaking on the NWDC and LNG.
24. Wendy Pantoja, resident, speaking on the NWDC.
25. Marquis Mason, Sunrise Movement, speaking on climate and the NWDC.
26. Stan Shihuma, Seattle Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, speaking on the NWDC.
27. James Hutcherson, resident, speaking on homelessness and the NWDC.
28. Claudia Riedener, resident, speaking on the NWDC.
29. Ryan Kinning, resident, speaking on the NWDC.
30. John Carlton, resident, speaking on the NWDC and LNG.
31. Barb Church, resident, speaking on LNG.
32. Devitta Briscoe, resident, speaking on the Bennie Branch case.

Community Forum ended at 6:36 p.m.

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 January 15, 2020 meeting, the Committee elected a Chair and Vice Chair and heard presentations on the Missing Middle Housing and Infill Pilot Program, Micromobility Program, and Neighborhood Engagement and Standards for Construction Projects Program; at the February 5, 2020 meeting, the

Committee heard presentations on the small cell deployment on City street light poles and the Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on February 19, 2020 in the Tacoma Municipal Building, Conference Room 248, at 4:30 p.m.

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Mayor Woodards provided updates on the City's activities related to the NWDC.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk