



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

February 18, 2020

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Blocker

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Beale.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [20-0139](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, December 10, 2019.
2. [20-0034](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, November 13, 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. [20-0130](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, January 28, 2020.
4. [20-0123](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, January 28, 2020.

MOTION: Council Member McCarthy 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: 8 - Beale, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Blocker

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. [20-0137](#) Presentation of the Certificate for Tacoma’s Age-Friendly Designation.

Mr. Doug Shadel, State Director, and Ms. Amanda Frame, Community Outreach Director, AARP Washington, presented a certificate for Tacoma’s Age-Friendly Designation and a congratulatory letter to the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:07 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Hally Bert, Downtown On the Go, speaking on Resolution No. 40559.
2. John Wolters, Sixth Avenue Business District, speaking on Resolution No. 40559.
3. Matt Newport, Kidical Mass Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 40559.
4. Rebecca Stith, Human Rights Commission, Policy and Advocacy Committee, speaking on Ordinance No. 28659.
5. Kim Tosch, Human Rights Commission, speaking on Ordinance No. 28659.
6. Jane Moore, Transportation Commission, speaking on Resolution No. 40559.
7. Jenn Halverson Kuehn, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, speaking on Resolution No. 40559.

Public Comment ended at 5:24 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

6. [RES40553](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce County, Department of Assigned Counsel, in the amount of \$4,305,291, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the General Fund, to provide legal services for indigent defendants, for an initial contract period of two years.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40553.

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

7. [RES40554](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Click! Unit, consisting of 21 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40554.

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

8. [RES40555](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, regarding classifications impacted by the transition plan for the Click! Business Transition Agreement. [Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40555.

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

9. [RES40556](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Water Division Unit, for the accretion of the Water Supply Supervisor classification. [Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40556.

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

10. [RES40557](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of \$1,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to sponsor the 2020 Attainable Housing and the Future of Prosperity and Inclusion Forum hosted by the University of Washington-Tacoma, School of Urban Studies.
[Council Member Walker]

MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40557.

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

11. [RES40558](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of \$5,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to support Tacoma's Sister Cities Council's mobilization to raise funds for the response to the Covid-19 outbreak in China.
[Council Member McCarthy]

MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40558.

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

12. [RES40559](#) A resolution expressing the City Council’s intent to commit to a Vision Zero goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries in the City by 2035; and directing the City Manager to take actions required to join the Vision Zero Network.
[Council Member Beale]

MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to adopt Resolution No. 40559.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Thoms

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

13. [ORD28658](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for nonrepresented classifications and employees represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Click! Unit, Power Unit, and Water Division Unit.
[Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28658 was set over for final reading next week.

14. [ORD28659](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 8.30A of the Municipal Code, relating to Chronic Public Nuisance, by amending Section 8.30A.020, entitled “Definitions”, to remove “Domestic Violence” as a qualifying nuisance activity and to protect victims from being deemed “nuisance” tenants for reporting criminal activity.
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28659 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

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Council Member Ushka, Vice Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee (CVS), reported at the January 23, 2020 meeting, the Committee re-elected Deputy Mayor Blocker and herself as the Chair and Vice Chair and heard presentations on a Chronic Nuisance Code amendment, participatory budgeting, and the 2019 CVS Year-End Report; at the February 13, 2020 meeting, the Committee held interviews for the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board and heard presentations on the Firearms and Ammunition Tax and Neighborhood and Community Services’s Strategic Plan 2020-2025. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2020, at the Tacoma Municipal Building in Conference Room 248, at 4:30 p.m.

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MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to appoint Council Member McCarthy to serve as presiding officer of the Council for the meetings of Tuesday, February 25, 2020.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Thoms

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

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Thoms

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk