



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

March 03, 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 Deputy Mayor Blocker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [20-0169](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, November 13, 2019.
2. [20-0170](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, January 8, 2020.
3. [20-0172](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, January 22, 2020.
4. [20-0175](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, January 15, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

5. [ORD28660](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of North Adams Street, located at the southeast corner of North Adams Street and a public alleyway between North 27th and North 28th Streets, to facilitate new development.
(Rush Development Company, Inc.; File No. 124.1403)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

6. [ORD28661](#) An ordinance vacating all those portions of publicly dedicated right-of-way, lying between East 48th Street and the northerly margin of East 52nd Street, within the Swan Creek Park boundaries, to be incorporated into the park property for recreational enhancements and improvements, free of the City's right-of-way interests.
(Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma; File No. 124.1406)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including first reading of Ordinance Nos. 28660 and 28661.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance Nos. 28660 and 28661.

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 setting Ordinance Nos. 28660 and 28661 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

7. [20-0184](#) Proclaiming March 2020 as Women's History Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed March 2020 as Women's History Month and presented the proclamation to Ms. Miriam Barnett, CEO, YWCA Pierce County, and Ms. Jenn Laughlin, Senior Performance Management Analyst, Tacoma Water.

8. [20-0183](#) Proclaiming 2020 as the Year of the Census.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed 2020 as the Year of the Census and presented the proclamation to Ms. Priscilla Lisicich, Executive Director, Safe Streets, and Ms. Janece Levien, Program Officer, Greater Tacoma Community Foundation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:16 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Marilyn Kimmerling, 4414 North 34th Street, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
2. Diane Walkup, 3617 North Stevens Street, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
3. Mark Martinez, Pierce County Building and Construction Trades Council, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
4. Garth Lagerwey, Seattle Sounders FC, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
5. Maya Mendoza, Seattle Sounders FC, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
6. Lamar Neagle, Tacoma Stars, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
7. Sam Rogers, Tacoma Defiance, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
8. Brad Evans, Seattle Sounders FC, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
9. Janine Terrano, Topia Technology, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
10. Aaron Artman, Tacoma Rainiers, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
11. Stan Emert, University of Washington Tacoma, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
12. David Stolz, 923 North Stadium Way, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
13. Tim Thompson, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
14. Megan Mead, Tacoma Rainiers and Tacoma Defiance, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
15. Nathe Lawver, Laborers Local 252, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
16. Joseph Nichols, North Tacoma Soccer Club, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.

17. Dan Vaughn, Washington State Legends of Soccer, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
18. Wade Webber, Tacoma Defiance, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
19. AJ Gordon, SiteCrafting, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
20. Ben Ferguson, Ferguson Architecture, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
21. Tom Pierson, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
22. Guillermo Mogollan, Teamsters Local 117, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
23. Sean Arent, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
24. Lua Pritchard, Asia Pacific Cultural Center, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
25. Herb Simon, resident, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
26. Tara Doyle-Enneking, Puyallup Sumner Chamber of Commerce, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
27. Ingrid Mugia, Multicare Health System Government Relations, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
28. Bill Predmore, Reign FC, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.
29. Nathalie Ojeda, Seattle Sounders FC, speaking on Resolution No. 40568.

Public Comment ended at 6:08 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

9. [RES40562](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40562.

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

10. [RES40563](#) A resolution appointing Joseph Colon to the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees for a five-year term to expire on March 18, 2025.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40563.

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. [RES40564](#) A resolution reappointing Sara Irish to the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees for a five-year term to expire on March 18, 2025.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40564.

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

12. [RES40565](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Koz on MLK Way LLC, for the development of 156 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 824 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, 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. 40565.

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

13. [RES40566](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Schuur Bros Inc, for the development of seven multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 4323 South Puget Sound Avenue, in the Tacoma Mall Mixed-Use Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40566.

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

14. [RES40567](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Supervisors' Unit, for the accretion of the Solid Waste Collection Supervisor classification.
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40567.

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

15. [RES40568](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Intent with Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma and The Soccer Club of Tacoma, establishing terms for the negotiation of future agreements regarding a potential soccer stadium, and future adjacent development in the vicinity of Cheney Stadium.
[Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40568.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to amend Page 6, Paragraph 2 g of the Letter of Intent regarding Tacoma's potential investment in the Stadium to read:

"The City will undertake authorization to fund a maximum capped investment of \$15 million, with \$10 million in cash invested over a period of up to six (6) years for Stadium capital project costs, and an additional \$5 million in in-kind investments, including but not limited to, offsite improvements and other mitigation required as part of the Stadium capital project."

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to amend the Letter of Intent. The motion was declared adopted.

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

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to amend Page 7, Paragraph 3 of the Amended Letter of Intent to add a new subsection “d” reading:

"In the agreements for design and construction there will be a requirement to design-in and construct reasonable facilities within the Stadium campus to accommodate and support robust public transit connections to and from the Stadium to all Tacoma neighborhoods."

She further moved to amend Page 9, Paragraph 4 of the Amended Letter of Intent to add a new subsection “h” reading:

"In the Lease there will be a requirement to work with public transit providers to implement robust public transit connections to and from the Stadium to all Tacoma neighborhoods."

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to amend the Amended Letter of Intent. 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. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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

Nays: 1 - Beale

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

16. [ORD28662](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for the Solid Waste Collection Supervisor classification represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Supervisors’ Unit. [Kari L. Louie, Senior Compensation and Benefits Manager; Gary Buchanan, Director, Human Resources]

ACTION: Ordinance No. 28662 was set over for final reading on March 17, 2020.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli reported on February 21, 2020, the Project Peace Executive Committee sponsored a police and youth dialogue at the School of the Arts. She stated that Officer Corey Peyton would be given the Officer of the Year award, Kim Cribbin would be given the Detective of the Year award, and Terence Tong would be given the Employee of the Year award. She concluded by stating that on February 27, 2020, the first of three Participatory Budgeting Pilot events was hosted by the Tacoma 2025 team and the Office of Management and Budget.

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Mayor Woodards announced that the 2020 State of the City Address will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., and will be available to view online and on TV Tacoma.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Hunter, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported that the Committee has not met since the last report. She stated the next meeting will be held on March 17, 2020, in Conference Room 248 of the Tacoma Municipal Building, at 10:00 a.m.

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Council Member Thoms stated the Foss Waterway Development Authority and Pierce County selected a bidder for an assessment on a potential public boat launch.

Council Member Beale stated Communities in Schools of Tacoma is holding the South Tacoma Family Resource Fair on March 14, 2020, at noon.

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MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to suspend the rules to hold Community Forum on the third Tuesday in the month of March.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Woodards

Deputy Mayor Blocker informed attendees that Community Forum was moved to the March 17, 2020 meeting due to the March 10, 2020 City Council study session and business meeting having been cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk