



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 836 0101 6378

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**May 01, 2020**

**2:00 PM**

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## SPECIAL MEETING

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the special meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 2 - Beale and McCarthy

Council Member Beale arrived at 2:15 p.m.

### BRIEFING ITEMS

1. [20-0334](#) Update on the status and impact of COVID-19 and the City's response including:
  - Update on the Rental Assistance Program; and
  - An overview of other funds impacted.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli introduced Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS), who provided an update of the City's Rental Assistance Program, including the number of applications received, the program operator Living Access Support Alliance (LASA), how many have requested accommodations such as language translation, applications received from outside the City limits, and how NCS is communicating with the public about the Program.

Discussion ensued regarding how and when residents can contact LASA.

City Manager Pauli introduced Katie Johnston, Budget Officer, Finance, who provided a financial update on the estimated impacts on special revenue funds, including mental health and chemical dependency, Tacoma Creates, the Streets Initiative, and Streets fund; and enterprise funds, including permitting, parking, Tacoma Dome, Convention Center, Solid Waste, Wastewater, and Surface Water funds.

Council Member Beale arrived here, at 2:15 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding inspections for delayed construction projects and low-income assistance programs.

Mayor Woodards provided an update on funds received by Pierce County through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. She discussed how Pierce County will divide and use the funds, caveats of the funding, the timeline for spending the funds, the amount the City will receive, and communication with the Governor's office and the Association of Washington Cities.

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

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the special meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk