



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Study Session Minutes

Telephonic

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 0943 8889

**June 30, 2020**

**12:00 PM**

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### JOINT MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD

#### Call to Order

Mayor Woodards called the joint study session to order at 12:02 p.m.

#### Roll Call

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

**Absent:** 1 - Blocker

Public Utility Board Members:

**Present:** 4 - Cooley, Flint, Larkin, and Patterson

**Absent:** 1 - Watson

Deputy Mayor Blocker arrived at 12:24 p.m.

All Council Members and Public Utility Board Members participated virtually.

### Joint Executive Session - Tacoma Public Utility Director Performance Review

**MOTION:** Council Member Thoms moved to convene to Joint Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to discuss “Review Performance of a Public Employee”, not to exceed 20 minutes.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Hunter.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Blocker

Public Utility Board Members:

**Ayes:** 4 - Cooley, Flint, Larkin, and Patterson

**Absent:** 1 - Watson

The City Council and Public Utility Board convened to a Joint Executive Session at 12:04 p.m.

The Joint Executive Session concluded, the joint study session adjourned, and the regular study session convened at 12:24 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Blocker arrived here, at 12:24 p.m.

## City Council Briefing Items

### 1. [20-0423](#) Council Priorities

At approximately 12:28 p.m., Mayor Woodards introduced Tanisha Jumper, Director, Media and Communications Office (MCO). Ms. Jumper provided background regarding the City Council priority process and introduced Jacques Colon, Tacoma2025 Strategic Manager, MCO. Mr. Colon presented the City Council Priorities, including an agenda; the priority development process; equity and anti-racism integrated into the final Council Priorities and objectives; themes from COVID-19 reassessments; objectives, noting improving access, improving health outcomes and reducing inequalities, decreasing housing and transportation costs, increasing positive perception of safety, increasing access to livable wage jobs, and increasing trust and belief in positive community impact; next steps for implementation, priority-based budgeting; COVID-19 actions; and questions regarding policy, partnership, and platform.

Discussion ensued regarding living wage jobs; partnering with educational institutions; public engagement; the importance of policy, partnership, and platforms; budget; improving the level of trust in communication with the public; translating “lived realities” into policies; policy proposals; a resolution; next steps; and addressing public safety.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports given.

## Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

2. [20-0412](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, June 25, 2020

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli stated that shift reports are separated by district and are distributed to the Council Member of those districts and sometimes the Mayor depending on the incidents.

Discussion ensued regarding what information is included in shift reports, context regarding the reports, and updates on trends.

City Manager Pauli stated there are no ceremonials and there is one proposed change to tonight's agenda, an amendment to Resolution No. 40621, relating to in-custody deaths.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation, not to exceed 15 minutes.**

**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

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 2:10 p.m.  
Chief Deputy City Attorney Chris Bacha was present.

The Executive Session concluded, and the study session reconvened at 2:28 p.m.

## Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk