



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

**January 14, 2020**

**5:00 PM**

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## 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 McCarthy.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

There were no items filed in the City Clerk's Office.

## CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items.

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. [20-0020](#) Proclaiming January 2020 as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed January 2020 as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month and presented the proclamation to Ms. Brenna Doyle, Education Program Director, Washington Trafficking Prevention.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:07 p.m.

No individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:07 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### APPOINTMENTS

2.     [RES40537](#)     A resolution appointing City Council Members to various national, state, regional, and local committees, boards, and commissions, including the City Council's Standing Committees, for the year 2020.  
[Mayor Woodards]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40537.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to amend Exhibit "A" of Resolution No. 40537 on Page 4, Item No. 18, to replace "McCarthy" with "Walker", and to add "Hunter" as alternate on the Joint Municipal Action Committee.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to amend Resolution No. 40537. 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, as amended, was declared adopted.**

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

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

### COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 5:10 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, 1205 Earnest South Brazill Street, speaking on an animal rights commissioner.
2. Darrel Bowman, 6208 North 26th Street, speaking on Click! Network.

3. Heather Rowland, 753 ½ Saint Helens Avenue, speaking on homelessness.
4. Lois Hopkins, resident, speaking on homelessness.
5. Donna Seay, Tacoma Tenants Organizing Committee, speaking on homelessness.
6. Van Simmons, resident, speaking on homelessness.
7. Rachelle Millner, resident, speaking on homelessness.
8. James North, resident, speaking on homelessness.
9. Emily Pierce, resident, speaking on homelessness.
10. Mark Pullan, resident, speaking on homelessness.
11. Megan Capes, Tacoma Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), speaking on homelessness.
12. Diane Walkup, resident, speaking on homelessness.
13. Kyle Jolibois, 431 Broadway, speaking on homelessness.
14. Melissa Dunbar, resident, speaking on homelessness.
15. Harper Zarling, resident, speaking on a proposed stoplight.
16. Marilyn Kimmerling, 4414 North 34th Street, speaking on homelessness.
17. Steve Storms, 1316 Browns Point Boulevard, speaking on liquefied natural gas (LNG).
18. Kathy Lawhon, resident, speaking on the Tacoma Police Department, climate emergency, homelessness, and LNG.
19. Tom McCarthy, American Federation of Teachers, speaking on Click! Network.
20. Jacob Ball, resident, speaking on homelessness.
21. Sean Arent, resident, speaking on student issues and affordable housing.
22. Kit Burns, 1010 6th Avenue, speaking on Click! Network.
23. Jerri Strasser, Fife, speaking on Click! Network.
24. Adam Mickelson, Tacoma DSA, speaking on homelessness.
25. Zoe Grieder, resident, speaking on homelessness.
26. Rose Hopper, resident, speaking on homelessness.
27. Illyana Zeski, resident, speaking on homelessness.
28. Jose Chavez, resident, speaking on Click! Network.
29. Elmer Cross, resident, speaking on technology.
30. Nichole Crockett, Tacoma DSA, speaking on homelessness.
31. Barb Shivers, resident, speaking on homelessness.
32. Madeline Schaller, resident, speaking on homelessness.
33. Mitchell Shook, Advanced Stream, speaking on Click! Network.
34. Dee Marie, resident, speaking on homelessness.

Community Forum ended at 6:26 p.m.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli reported that Shiloh Baptist Church is offering sheltering for men for the next 7 days; Bethlehem Baptist Church has available beds for families, couples, and single women; and other shelter

options are not at capacity and are operating on inclement weather schedules. She further reported that the Tacoma Dome has achieved its highest ranking in venue history, and she provided Tacoma 311 service statistics for 2019.

## COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

### Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Deputy Mayor Blocker, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the December 12, 2019 meeting, the Committee heard presentations on the Community Engagement Coordinator Work Plan and Project Peace. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on January 23, 2020 in the Tacoma Municipal Building, Conference Room 248, at 4:30 p.m., and will include presentations on the Chronic Nuisance Code, participatory budgeting, and the 2019 Community Vitality and Safety annual report.

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Mayor Woodards invited all to attend the 32nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration on Monday, January 20, 2020, at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center, at 10:00 a.m. She further reminded all that the January 21, 2020 City Council study session and business meeting are cancelled.

## ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor



Doris Sorum, City Clerk