CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

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Council Member Thoms moved to suspend Rule 1.E 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma to allow four Council Members to participate in tonight’s meeting telephonically. Seconded by Council Member Beale. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: _8_   Nays:  _0_   Absent:  _1_ (Walker)   Abstaining: _0_

Council Member Thoms moved to suspend Rule 1.E 1 and 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma to allow all members of the Council to attend all meetings remotely by telephone device for the duration of the March 12, 2020, Proclamation of Emergency. Seconded by Council Member Beale. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: _8_   Nays:  _0_   Absent:  _1_ (Walker)   Abstaining: _0_

ROLL CALL
8 present, 1 absent (Walker).

Deputy Mayor Blocker and Council Members Hunter, McCarthy, and Ushka participated telephonically.

Council Member Walker arrived at 5:47 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE
The flag salute was led by Council Member Thoms.
Council Member Thoms moved to confirm the City of Tacoma March 12, 2020, Proclamation of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 virus requested and approved by the City Manager and the Mayor of the City of Tacoma. Seconded by Council Member Beale. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8  Nays: 0  Absent: 1 (Walker)  Abstaining: 0

Council Member Thoms moved to confirm the Mayor’s Emergency Rule No. 1 setting the maximum occupancy of the Council Chambers, not including Council and staff, at twenty-five (25) persons issued pursuant to the City of Tacoma’s March 12, 2020, Proclamation of Emergency. Seconded by Council Member Beale.

Mayor Woodards made a friendly amendment to change “twenty-five (25)” to “ten (10)”. The friendly amendment was accepted by Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 8  Nays: 0  Absent: 1 (Walker)  Abstaining: 0

Council Member Thoms moved to confirm the Mayor’s Emergency Rule No. 2 requiring the City of Tacoma’s power, water, sanitary sewer, storm water, and solid waste utilities to postpone shutoffs for non-payment during the period of the emergency pursuant to the March 12, 2020, Proclamation of Emergency. Seconded by Council Member Beale.

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

Ayes: 8  Nays: 0  Absent: 1 (Walker)  Abstaining: 0
Council Member Thoms moved to suspend the rules to add a Resolution, Resolution No. 40575 to tonight’s agenda, as Item 20A, relating to the Department of Public Utilities; approving the creation of an Emergency Assistance Program by the Department of Public Utilities during the period of the state of emergency declared by the City of Tacoma in response to COVID-19, in order to allow more households to qualify for assistance. Seconded by Council Member Beale. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8  Nays: 0  Absent: 1 (Walker)  Abstaining: 0

CONSENT AGENDA

10. 20-0217  Minutes of the City Council special meeting, strategic planning work session, February 7, 2020.

11. 20-0173  Minutes of the City Council meeting, February 11, 2020.

12. 20-0185  Minutes of the City Council meeting, February 18, 2020.


15. 20-0216  Minutes of the Committee of the Whole special meeting, February 25, 2020.

RESOLUTIONS

16.  RES40569  A resolution setting Tuesday, March 31, 2020, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 4.74 acres of Tacoma Water property, located in the Bonney Lake vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County, to Nash Cascadia Verde LLC, for the amount of $125,000.

17.  RES40570  A resolution setting Tuesday, April 28, 2020, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the potential reauthorization and extension of the Ti'eflats Interim Regulations.

Council Member Thoms moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40569 and 40570. Seconded by Council Member Beale. Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40569 and 40570. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8  Nays: 0  Absent: 1 (Walker)  Abstaining: 0
PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:21 p.m.

1 individual addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:25 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

18. 20-0222  A motion may be considered to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Tacoma Life Properties, LLC v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 19-2-12930-7, relating to the appeal of the land use involving the proposed behavioral health hospital pursuant to the terms of Settlement Agreement on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

Council Member Thoms moved to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Tacoma Life Properties, LLC v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 19-2-12930-7, relating to the appeal of the land use involving the proposed behavioral health hospital pursuant to the terms of Settlement Agreement on file in the City Clerk’s Office. Seconded by Council Member Beale. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: _8_   Nays:  0    Absent:  1 (Walker)    Abstaining:  0

APPOINTMENTS

19. RES40571  A resolution appointing, reappointing, and reassigning individuals to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs and the Citizen Police Advisory Committee.

Council Member Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 40571. Seconded by Council Member Beale. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Ayes: _8_   Nays:  0    Absent:  1 (Walker)    Abstaining:  0
PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

20. RES40572 A resolution awarding a contract to Quigg Bros., Inc., in the amount of $822,775, plus applicable taxes, plus a 20 percent contingency, for a total of $987,330, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, to replenish a sediment cap at the Olympic View Resource Area site - Specification No. ES20-0004F.

Council Member Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 40572. Seconded by Council Member Beale. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8    Nays: 0   Absent: 1 (Walker)    Abstaining: 0

RESOLUTIONS

20A. RES40575 A resolution approving the creation of an Emergency Assistance Program by the Department of Public Utilities during the period of the state of emergency declared by the City of Tacoma in response to COVID 19, in order to allow more households to qualify for assistance.

Council Member Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 40575. Seconded by Council Member Beale. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8    Nays: 0   Absent: 1 (Walker)    Abstaining: 0

21. RES40573 A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Water Pollution Control Unit, consisting of 52 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2022.

Council Member Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 40573. Seconded by Council Member Beale.

Council Member Walker arrived here, at 5:47 p.m.

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

Ayes: 9    Nays: 0   Absent: 0   Abstaining: 0
RESOLUTION

22. **RES40574**  
A resolution expressing support of the *Protecting Community Television Act*, and calling on Congress to pass legislation, to reverse the Federal Communication Commission’s recent order requiring that cable related, in-kind contributions required by local franchising authorities be considered a “franchise fee”; and urging all House members and Senators from Washington to cosponsor the *Protecting Community Television Act*.

Council Member Thoms moved to adopt Resolution No. 40574. Seconded by Council Member Beale. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9  Nays: 0  Absent: 0  Abstaining: 0

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

23. **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.

Roll call vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9  Nays: 0  Absent: 0  Abstaining: 0

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

24. **ORD28663**  
An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for employees represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Water Pollution Control Unit.

Ordinance No. 28663 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Thoms moved to suspend Rule 5.A.13 of the *Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma* to allow for a motion for reconsideration of the vote on Ordinance No. 28606, which was taken at the City Council meeting of December 17, 2019. Seconded by Council Member Beale. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9  Nays: 0  Absent: 0  Abstaining: 0
Council Member Thoms moved to reconsider the vote on Ordinance No. 28606, which was taken at the City Council meeting of December 17, 2019, regarding rezone File No. LU18-0301. Seconded by Council Member Beale. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9    Nays: 0    Absent: 0    Abstaining: 0

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE

25. ORD28606 An ordinance reclassifying the property bounded by South 19th, South Proctor, South Madison, and South Durango Streets, from a C-1 General Neighborhood Commercial District and a T Transitional District to a R-4-L Low-Density Multiple-Family Dwelling District, to develop the Tacoma Behavioral Hospital. (Tacoma Life Properties, LLC; File No. LU18-0301)

Roll call vote was taken and carried. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9    Nays: 0    Absent: 0    Abstaining: 0

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 5:55 p.m.

3 individuals addressed the City Council.

Community Forum ended at 6:06 p.m.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli gave a report and introduced individuals that would be providing an overview of the Covid-19 status and responses in the City of Tacoma and Pierce County, including Tory Green, Fire Chief, Tacoma Fire Department; Jackie Flowers, Director, Tacoma Public Utilities; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development; and Linda Stewart, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services. City Manager Pauli concluded by providing information on actions that have been taken administratively in response to the situation.

Comments were made by Mayor Woodards and various Council Members.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

There was no report.
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.