City of Tacoma
City Council Agenda
Telephonic
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March 31, 2020
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL
9 present.

All Council Members participated telephonically.

FLAG SALUTE
The flag salute was led by Council Member Hunter.

MOMENT OF SILENCE
Dr. Anthony Chen, Director of Health, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, provided an update on the COVID-19 virus in the Tacoma-Pierce County area.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
There were no items filed in the City Clerk’s Office.

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Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to support the Human Resources Department’s request that the Civil Service Board approve a temporary blanket waiver to cover all requests for residency waivers and waivers of non-competitive examination for the City’s civil service until the Proclamation of Emergency is terminated. Seconded by Council Member Hunter. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes:  9    Nays:  0    Absent:  0    Abstaining:  0
Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to suspend the rules to add a Resolution, Resolution No. 40578 to tonight’s agenda, as the first item under the Regular Agenda, regarding the City of Tacoma employees “Families First Coronavirus Response Act Policy”. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 2, regarding the public hearing on the declaration of surplus and sale of Tacoma Water property, at this time. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

2. 20-0248 This is the date set 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.

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to continue the public hearing to a date to be determined. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

CONSENT AGENDA
There were no Consent Agenda items.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
There were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Public Comment began at 6:13 p.m.

Public Comment ended at 6:14 p.m.
RESOLUTIONS

RES40578  A resolution approving the City’s “Families First Coronavirus Response Act Policy” which describes emergency relief for City of Tacoma personnel impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40578. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

1. ORD28665  (First and Final Reading) An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, and amending Ordinance No. 28551, to delay a scheduled increase to electric rates due to the COVID-19 related state of emergency; and declaring an emergency, making necessary the passage of this ordinance, and it’s taking effect immediately.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

(This public hearing will not be held and may be continued to a date to be determined.)

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The public hearing was continued to a date to be determined, earlier in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER
City Manager Elizabeth Pauli gave a report.
Deputy Mayor Blocker suggested the inclusion of provisions around late fees for those who are unable to pay their rent in the letter to the Governor that will be brought forward at the City Council special meeting.

Council Member Beale brought forward the issue of race-based discrimination occurrences in the community and inquired about how the crimes can be reported.

Council Member Thoms brought forward matters regarding COVID-19 virus testing.

Mayor Woodards reminded all to complete the Census survey.

**ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.