CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

9 present.

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor Blocker stated that we gratefully honor and acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People where they make their home and speak the Lushootseed language.

The flag salute was led by Deputy Mayor Blocker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of those who have lost their lives to or have been impacted by COVID-19 and systemic racism.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. 20-0849 Minutes of the Community’s Police Advisory Committee, October 12, 2020.
CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

6. RES40686  A resolution setting Monday, December 14, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner to consider Local Improvement District No. 8667, for placement of permanent street pavement with a structural section, concrete curbs, gutters, surface water mains, and catch basins at the following locations: Ruby Street from Baltimore Street to Shirley Street and Mullen Street from North 46th Street to North 47th Street.

7. RES40687  A resolution setting Monday, December 14, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner to consider Local Improvement District No. 8669, for placement of permanent street pavement with a structural section, concrete curbs, gutters, sidewalks, surface water mains, and catch basins at Fir Street from North 13th Street to North 15th Street.

8. RES40688  A resolution setting Monday, December 14, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner to consider Local Improvement District No. 8670, for placement of permanent street pavement with a structural section, concrete curbs, gutters, surface water mains, and catch basins at Ferry Street from South 12th Street to South 14th Street.

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 40686 through 40688. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS


Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 11, Ordinance No. 28699, 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

11. ORD28699 An ordinance authorizing Tacoma Rail to update the Rail Rate Policy to include a Volume Incentive Fund.

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to remove Ordinance No. 28699 from the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:13 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received nine written comments for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28717, adopting the Capital Facilities Program and Capital Budget; and Ordinance No. 28718, adopting the Biennial Operating Budget.

Eight individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:29 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to confirm the Mayor’s Emergency Rule No. 4, capping the commission fee to a maximum of 15 percent of the purchase price on delivery or pick-up orders while restaurants are unable to provide unrestricted dine-in service, issued pursuant to the City of Tacoma’s November 15, 2020, Proclamation of Emergency. Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

10. RES40689  A resolution stating a finding of substantial need, and authorizing an increase to the 2021 Ad Valorem property tax revenue collection for the General Fund property tax levy and Emergency Medical Services levy to 1 percent, as the implicit price deflator is less than 1 percent.

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40689. 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

11. ORD28699  An ordinance authorizing Tacoma Rail to update the Rail Rate Policy to include a Volume Incentive Fund.

Ordinance No. 28699 was removed from the agenda earlier in the meeting.

12. ORD28700  An ordinance authorizing the reissuance of Tacoma Municipal Belt Line 8807 series freight switching tariff, effective January 1, 2021, and a tariff supplement, effective January 1, 2022.

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

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

13. ORD28701  An ordinance amending Title 2 of the Municipal Code, relating to Buildings, to change the name to “Building and Development Code,” to streamline administration for fees and to update language for expanded use, increased flexibility, and other assistance in strategic permit services advancements, and by adding a new Chapter 2.22, entitled “Right-of-Way Development Code,” to provide guidance for permitting construction and maintenance activities with the City right-of-way and other administrative provisions.

Council Member Ushka moved to amend Ordinance No. 28701, Exhibit “A”, Section 2.02.015, to insert the words “with input from the Tacoma Permit Advisory Task Force or any other City Council-appointed permitting advisory body then in existence,” in the first paragraph after the word “Services”, to read as follows:
The Director of Planning and Development Services with input from the Tacoma Permit Advisory Task Force or any other City Council-appointed permitting advisory body then in existence, shall have the authority to develop rules, policies, and administrative procedures for, but not limited to, the following items:

Seconded by Council Member Hunter. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: _9_   Nays:  _0_   Absent:  _0_   Abstaining:  _0_

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

Ayes: _9_   Nays:  _0_   Absent:  _0_   Abstaining:  _0_

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

14. ORD28702  An ordinance amending Chapter 1.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Administration; repealing Chapter 6B.50, relating to Ambulances, and reenacting as a new Chapter 3.11; renaming Title 3 from “Fire” to “Fire and Emergency Medical Services”, and adding, amending, and repealing various chapters in Title 3, to modify outdated fee requirements, clarify and add language regarding emergency medical transport, and other administrative updates.

Ordinance No. 28702 was set over for final reading next week.

15. ORD28703  An ordinance amending Chapter 12.09 of the Municipal Code, relating to Solid Waste, Recycling, and Hazardous Waste, to adjust the 2021 and 2022 rates and charges to include a 1.5 percent increase, effective January 1, 2021, a 2 percent increase, effective January 1, 2022, and a 5 percent increase in low income elderly and low income disabled discount, effective January 1, 2021.

Ordinance No. 28703 was set over for final reading next week.

16. ORD28704  An ordinance amending Chapter 12.08 of the Municipal Code, relating to Wastewater and Surface Water Management - Regulation and Rates, to adjust the 2021 and 2022 rates and charges to include a 1.5 percent increase, effective January 1, 2021, a 2 percent increase, effective January 1, 2022, and a 5 percent increase in the low income elderly and low income disabled discount, effective January 1, 2021.

Ordinance No. 28704 was set over for final reading next week.
17. **ORD28705** An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, to add a new Section 12.06.166, entitled “Prepaid residential service - Schedule PR”, to allow for payment of electric service in advance of usage, effective January 1, 2021.

**Ordinance No. 28705 was set over for final reading next week.**

18. **ORD28706** An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, to add a new Section 12.06.373, entitled “Electrofuel service pilot - Schedule EF”, to allow for electrochemical production of low carbon-content fuels usable for transportation or electrical energy storage, effective April 1, 2021.

**Ordinance No. 28706 was set over for final reading next week.**

19. **ORD28707** An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, to add a new Section 12.06.265, entitled “New large load service - Schedule NLL”, to codify the rate to be charged to new large loads to be consistent with other rates, effective April 1, 2021, and April 1, 2022.

**Ordinance No. 28707 was set over for final reading next week.**

20. **ORD28708** An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, to add a new Section 12.06.372, entitled “Shore power - Schedule SP”, to allow ships at the Port of Tacoma to use electric power instead of burning bunker fuel while in port, effective April 1, 2021, and April 1, 2022.

**Ordinance No. 28708 was set over for final reading next week.**


**Ordinance No. 28709 was set over for final reading next week.**
22. **ORD28710** An ordinance amending Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy - Regulations and Rates, for two rate adjustments of 1.5 percent, effective April 1, 2021, and 2 percent, effective April 1, 2022; and amending Section 12.06.165, to adjust the definition for the threshold of maximum annual household income to qualify for the low-income senior and or low-income disabled discount residential service, and increase the amount of discount available for customers who qualify for that service, effective January 1, 2021.

*Ordinance No. 28710 was set over for final reading next week.*

23. **ORD28711** An ordinance amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to Water - Regulations and Rates, for two rate adjustments of 1.5 percent, effective January 1, 2021, and 2 percent, effective January 1, 2022.

*Ordinance No. 28711 was set over for final reading next week.*

24. **ORD28712** An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20367, to redirect franchise fee revenues from the Special Revenue Fund, previously the Municipal Cable Television Program Fund, to the General Fund, to allow more flexibility in the use of private cable franchise fees.

*Ordinance No. 28712 was set over for final reading next week.*

25. **ORD28713** An ordinance authorizing an increase in the 2020 Ad Valorem general property tax revenue collection in terms of both dollars and percentage for the general property tax levy in 2021.

*Ordinance No. 28713 was set over for final reading next week.*

26. **ORD28714** An ordinance fixing the amount of the Ad Valorem tax levies necessary to identify the amount of the estimated revenues from property tax levies to match estimated expenditures for debt service and other funding requirements.

*Ordinance No. 28714 was set over for final reading next week.*

27. **ORD28715** An ordinance authorizing an increase for the 2021 Emergency Medical Services property tax levy in terms of both dollars and percentage.

*Ordinance No. 28715 was set over for final reading next week.*
An ordinance fixing the amount of the Emergency Medical Services levy necessary to identify the amount of the estimated revenues from the property tax levy to match estimated expenditures for debt service and other funding requirements.

Ordinance No. 28716 was set over for final reading next week.

An ordinance adopting the 2021-2026 Capital Facilities Program of the Comprehensive Plan, and adopting the 2021-2022 Capital Budget.

Ordinance No. 28717 was set over for final reading next week.

An ordinance adopting the 2021-2022 Biennial Operating Budget.

Mayor Woodards moved to amend Exhibit “A” of Ordinance No. 28718, to add $1,000,000 to the General Fund for the purpose of increasing library funding. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blocker.

Six individuals addressed the City Council.

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

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

Council Member Ushka moved to amend Exhibit “A” of Amended Ordinance No. 28718, to add $480,000 to the General Fund for the purpose of funding Neighborhood Planning. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blocker.

Three individuals addressed the City Council.

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

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

Council Member McCarthy moved to amend Exhibit “A” of Amended Ordinance No. 28718, to add $120,000 to the General Fund for the purpose of funding opioid services, in partnership with Pierce County. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blocker.

Three individuals addressed the City Council.

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

Ayes: 9   Nays: 0   Absent: 0   Abstaining: 0
Council Member Walker moved to amend Exhibit “A” of Amended Ordinance No. 28718, to add $100,000 to the General Fund for the purpose of increasing funding for the Downtown Retail Advocate. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blocker. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

Amended Ordinance No. 28718 was set over for final reading next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli gave a report.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Deputy Mayor Blocker, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, gave a report.

Comments were made by Mayor Woodards and Council Member Ushka.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.