CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

8 present, 1 absent (Hunter).

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Hines 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 Council Member Hines.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

8. 20-0882 Minutes of the City Council meeting, October 13, 2020.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

9. ORD28719 An ordinance vacating portions of Commerce Street and South 7th Street, to
cure existing building encroachments on the perimeter of the building known
as Old City Hall.
(City of Tacoma; File No. 124.1410)

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including
first reading of Ordinance No. 28719. Seconded by Council Member Thoms.

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and
Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28719.
Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried.
The motion was declared adopted.

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

Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including
setting Ordinance No. 28719 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda
was declared adopted.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. 20-0895 Proclaiming Saturday, November 28, 2020, as Small Business Saturday.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed November 28, 2020, as Small Business Saturday and
presented the proclamation to Mr. Abe Fox, Co-owner, Wooden City Tacoma, and
Mr. Pat and Ms. Gail Ringrose, Owners, T Town Apparel.
PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:21 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received three written comments for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28710, regarding Electric Energy – Regulations and Rates; Ordinance No. 28711, regarding Water – Regulations and Rates; and Ordinance No. 28718, which is adopting the Biennial Operating Budget.

11 individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 5:44 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

11. 20-0902 A motion may be considered to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Walter S. Dailey v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 18-2-06959-4, relating to claims associated with his prior City employment, upon payment by the City in the amount of $130,000.

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to authorize the City’s full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Walter S. Dailey v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 18-2-06959-4, relating to claims associated with his prior City employment, upon payment by the City in the amount of $130,000. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

RESOLUTIONS

12. RES40690 A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Water Division Unit, to create a new classification entitled Water Systems Operations Supervisor.

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40690. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Ayes: _8_ Nays:  0 Absent:  1 (Hunter)  Abstaining:  0
13. RES40691  A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Water Pollution Control Unit, regarding clarification of holiday pay for employees.

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40691. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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

14. RES40692  A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters Local Union No. 117, Tacoma Venues and Events Unit, consisting of 23 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40692. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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

15. RES40693  A resolution updating the Planning and Development Services Financial Policy and Fee Schedule, to include the addition of a Fire Construction Permit Fee Section, effective January 1, 2021.

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40693. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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

16. RES40694  A resolution approving the General Government Fee Schedule for special and miscellaneous services, to include charges to the public for various departmental services.

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40694. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8  Nays: 0  Absent: 1 (Hunter)  Abstaining: 0
17. **RES40695** A resolution authorizing the execution of agreements with multiple vendors, in the amount of $23,061,338, budgeted from a combination of various funds, to provide stability for providers and ensure continued essential services for the Tacoma community during the COVID-19 pandemic, effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022.

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40695. Seconded by Council Member Thoms.

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to amend Resolution No. 40695, by increasing the authorized funding amount by $1,000,000 for a new total of $24,061,338 as referenced on pages 1 and 2, and to increase the amount of funding for Living Access Support Alliance by $1,000,000 for a new total of $1,140,000 as referenced in Exhibit “A”. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried on the motion to amend Resolution No. 40695. The motion was declared adopted.

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

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution, as amended, was declared adopted.

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

18. **RES40696** A resolution directing the City Manager to consider the recommendations in the 2020 Comprehensive Police Staffing Study and upcoming Divertible Calls for Service Study when making staffing decisions for the Tacoma Police Department.

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40696. Seconded by Council Member Thoms.

Mayor Woodards made a friendly amendment to add under the “Be it Resolved” section, “to consult that study where it makes sense”. The friendly amendment was accepted by Council Member McCarthy.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution, as amended, was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8  Nays: 0  Absent: 1 (Hunter)  Abstaining: 0
19. RES40697 A resolution directing the City Manager to use the Down Payment and Foreclosure Assistance disparity study, to identify disparities or displacement that resulted in disproportionate homeownership and the inaccessibility of communities of color, and particularly Black communities, to build generational wealth; and to provide an update to the City Council within six months, and recommendations no later than August 2021, to include specific budget and policy recommendations to increase Black homeownership in Tacoma, including the potential consideration of dedicating a percentage of all down payment assistance funds to Black residents.

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40697. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

20. 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.

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

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

21. 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.

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28703 Exhibit A. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

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

Ayes: 7  Nays: 1 (McCarthy)  Absent: 1 (Hunter)  Abstaining: 0
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.

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

Ayes: 7  Nays: 1 (McCarthy)  Absent: 1 (Hunter)  Abstaining: 0

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.

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

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

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.

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

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

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.

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

Ayes: 8  Nays: 0  Absent: 1 (Hunter)  Abstaining: 0
26. **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.

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

Ayes: _8_   Nays:  0    Absent:  _1_ (Hunter)     Abstaining:  0


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

Ayes: _8_   Nays:  0    Absent:  _1_ (Hunter)     Abstaining:  0

28. **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 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.

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

Ayes: _7_   Nays:  _1_ (McCarthy)    Absent:  _1_ (Hunter)     Abstaining:  0

29. **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.

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

Ayes: _7_   Nays:  _1_ (McCarthy)    Absent:  _1_ (Hunter)     Abstaining:  0
30. **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.

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

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

31. **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.

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

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

32. **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.

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

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

The City Council took a short recess at 7:02 p.m.
The City Council meeting reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

Ayes: 8  Nays: 0  Absent: 1 (Hunter)  Abstaining: 0
34. **ORD28716**  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.

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

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

35. **ORD28717**  An ordinance adopting the 2021-2026 Capital Facilities Program of the Comprehensive Plan, and adopting the 2021-2022 Capital Budget.

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28717 Exhibit A. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

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

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

36. **ORD28718**  An ordinance adopting the 2021-2022 Biennial Operating Budget.

Council Member McCarthy moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28718 Exhibit A-1 to retain current engine service levels with Basic Life Support implementation. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and failed. Roll call vote was requested, taken and failed. The motion was declared failed.

Ayes: 3    Nays: 5 (Beale, Blocker, Ushka, Walker, Woodards)  
Absent: 1 (Hunter)    Abstaining: 0

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved as a substitute, Substitute Ordinance No. 28718 Exhibit A-2 to modify current engine service levels and implement the Basic Life support proposal. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. Roll call vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to amend Exhibit A-2 to Reduce Fund 4300 – Wastewater by $937,979, from $83,731 to negative $854,248. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8    Nays: 0    Absent: 1 (Hunter)    Abstaining: 0
Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to amend, Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28718 Exhibit A-2 to increase the General Fund by $1 million from 2,700,000 to 3,700,000 and decrease the Emergency Medical Services Special Revenue Fund by $1 million from 2,500,000 to 1,500,000. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

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

Ayes: _6_   Nays:  _2_ (McCarthy, Thoms)   Absent:  _1_ (Hunter)   Abstaining:  _0_

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

37. ORD28720 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 Division Unit, for a new classification entitled Water Systems Operations Supervisor.

Ordinance No. 28720 was set over for final reading next week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

(Public hearings and appeals will begin upon completion of the Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m.)

38. 20-0850 This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the 2020 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The public hearing began at 8:40 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received 82 written comments for the public hearing.

21 individuals addressed the City Council.

The public hearing ended at 9:27 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli gave a report.
Economic Development Committee

**Council Member Thoms, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, gave a report.**

**Comments were made by Mayor Woodards and Council Member Thoms.**

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Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to excuse Council Member Hunter from the meeting. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes:  **8**  Nays:  **0**  Absent:  **1 (Hunter)**  Abstaining:  **0**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.