



# City of Tacoma

## City Council Agenda

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**May 18, 2021**  
**5:00 PM**

### 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

Council Member Walker 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 Walker.

### 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. **21-0467** Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, May 3, 2021.
2. **21-0490** Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, April 28, 2021.

# CONSENT AGENDA

3. **21-0494** Minutes of the City Council meeting, March 16, 2021.

## RESOLUTIONS

4. **RES40784** A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Puget Sound Clean Water Alliance, in the amount of \$68,000 for the first year and \$25,000 annually, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, to create an alliance to jointly address water quality issues in the Puget Sound, through December 31, 2025, with the option to renew for an additional five-year term.
5. **RES40785** A resolution authorizing the execution of a grant agreement and any associated term extensions with the Washington State Department of Commerce, in the amount of \$597,558.77; and accepting and depositing said sum into the Capital Fund, and matching funds of \$119,511.75 budgeted from the Power Fund, for a projected total of \$717,070.52, to install public electric vehicle charging infrastructure in eight downtown City facilities by May 25, 2024.

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

6. **ORD28698** An ordinance vacating a portion of the undeveloped north side of South 62nd Street right-of-way, to be incorporated into the adjacent residential parcel to cure an encroachment by a part of the existing residence. (Lee Pate; File No. 124.1415)

**Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 40784 and 40785 and final reading of Ordinance No. 28698. 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

7. **21-0483** Proclaiming May 2021 as Bike Month.

**Mayor Woodards proclaimed May 2021 as Bike Month and presented the proclamation to Elaina Darrington and Max Sledge, Bicycle Technicians, 2nd Cycle Tacoma.**

8. **21-0484** Proclaiming May 2021 as Building Safety Month.

**Mayor Woodards proclaimed May 2021 as Building Safety Month and presented the proclamation to Sue Coffman, Building Official, Planning and Development Services.**

The City Council meeting recessed at 5:16 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 5:39 p.m.

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Council Member Ushka moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 12, Ordinance No. 28756, regarding camping on public property at this time. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

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

12. **ORD28756** (Continued from the meeting of April 20, 2021) An ordinance amending Title 8 of the Municipal Code, relating to Public Safety, by adding a new Chapter 8.19, entitled “Use of Public Property”, to align with the amended declaration of emergency and providing a comprehensive response to public health concerns related to camping and storage of personal items on public property.

Council Member Ushka moved to continue Ordinance No. 28756 to the meeting of June 15, 2021. 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 5:44 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received 42 written comments for Public Comment on Ordinance No. 28759, regarding the Tideflats Interim Regulations.

31 individuals addressed the City Council.

The City Council meeting recessed at 6:34 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 6:46 p.m.

Nine individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 7:02 p.m.

The City Council meeting recessed at 7:02 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

9. **21-0497** A motion may be considered to concur with the May 12, 2021, recommendation of the Public Utility Board, and to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all property damage claims against the City by Robert Cruegar, Claim No. W-014-21, relating to a ruptured water main, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$36,107.53.

**Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to concur with the May 12, 2021, recommendation of the Public Utility Board, and to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all property damage claims against the City by Robert Cruegar, Claim No. W-014-21, relating to a ruptured water main, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$36,107.53. Seconded by Council Member Thoms. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

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

## RESOLUTIONS

10. **RES40786** A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Tacoma Firefighters Union, Local 31, consisting of 422 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022.

**Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to adopt Resolution No. 40786. 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. **ORD28759** An ordinance approving an extension of the Tideflats Interim Regulations, as originally approved by Amended Ordinance No. 28470 and extended by Ordinance Nos. 28542, 28583, 28619, and 28671, and Amended Ordinance No. 28696, for up to six months, and referring proposed permanent regulations to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee for review and recommendation to the full City Council no later than August 31, 2021.

Council Member Beale moved to amend Ordinance No. 28759, by adding and amending the following language:

Prohibit the expansion of, and any ancillary site/facility modifications, to existing fossil fuel, chemical, mining and quarrying uses, excepting only those fossil fuel projects which have previously been reviewed by the City under the State Environmental Policy Act, and for which mitigation has been identified and fully funded or completed, and allowing renewable fuel facilities both new and expansion of existing facilities where the expansion is for renewable fuel production storage and distribution as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency's Renewable Fuels Program until such time the Washington State renewable fuels standard is established, within all areas of the Tide Flats including the Port Maritime Industry District, M-2 Zone District, and the Shoreline District for the full duration of this extension of the Tideflats Interim Regulations.

Seconded by Council Member Walker.

The amendment had substantive changes and public comment was taken.

17 individuals addressed the City Council.

Roll call vote was requested and taken. The motion was declared failed.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 5 (Blocker, Hines, Hunter, McCarthy, and Thoms)  
Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0

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

12. **ORD28756** (Continued from the meeting of April 20, 2021) An ordinance amending Title 8 of the Municipal Code, relating to Public Safety, by adding a new Chapter 8.19, entitled "Use of Public Property", to align with the amended declaration of emergency and providing a comprehensive response to public health concerns related to camping and storage of personal items on public property.

**Ordinance No. 28756 was continued to the meeting of June 15, 2021, earlier in the meeting.**

13. **ORD28760** 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 Tacoma Firefighters Union, Local 31.

**Ordinance No. 28760 was set over for final reading next week.**

14. **ORD28761** An ordinance relating to Wastewater and Surface Water Management - Regulation and Rates, amending Chapter 12.08 of the Municipal Code by repealing, reenacting, and recodifying it in its entirety; creating new subchapters to be known as Subchapter 12.08A, "General Administration", Subchapter 12.08B, "Use of Sanitary Sewer", Subchapter 12.08C, "Industrial Pretreatment Program", and Subchapter 12.08D, "Stormwater Management"; providing for the enforcement and severability; effective July 1, 2021; and adopting the Side Sewer and Sanitary Sewer Availability Manual.

**Ordinance No. 28761 was set over for final reading next week.**

15. **ORD28762** An ordinance amending Subchapters 12.08B, entitled "Use of Sanitary Sewer", and 12.08D, entitled "Stormwater Management" of the Municipal Code; to adopt a rate and fee schedule which will ease access for customers and clarify the distinction between rates and fees associated with storm water, wastewater, and industrial wastewater pretreatment services; if passed, this ordinance will not alter existing rates and fees, effective July 1, 2021.

**Ordinance No. 28762 was set over for final reading next week.**

16. **ORD28763** An ordinance adopting the Stormwater Management Manual, effective July 1, 2021.

**Ordinance No. 28763 was set over for final reading next week.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**There was no unfinished business.**

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

**There was no report.**

## **COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Economic Development Committee

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

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

**Council Member McCarthy, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, gave a report.**

**Comments were made by Mayor Woodards.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.**