



City of Tacoma

City Council Agenda

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November 9, 2021
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 8

ABSENT: 1 (McCarthy)

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Woodards 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 Thoms.

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. [21-1069](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, June 24, 2021.
2. [21-1091](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, May 18, 2021.
3. [21-1092](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, June 1, 2021.
4. [21-1094](#) Minutes of the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board, July 15, 2021.
5. [21-1064](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, September 15, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

6. [ORD28784](#) An ordinance reclassifying three parcels of real property, totaling approximately 19,628 square feet, located at 8638, 8640, and 8642 "A" Street, from an R-2 Single-Family Dwelling District to an R-4-L Low-Density Multiple-Family Dwelling District, for the construction of seven to 13 units of housing. (Trung Do's Goldsmith Services, Inc.; File No. LU21-0109)

MOTION: Blocker

SECOND: Thoms

ACTION: To adopt the Consent Agenda

MOTION: Blocker

SECOND: Thoms

ACTION: To accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28784

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

ACTION: The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

**Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (McCarthy) Abstaining: 0
Items Removed: 0**

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. [21-1099](#) Proclaiming Thursday, November 11, 2021, as Veterans Day.
8. [21-1096](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition: Aaron Wilson.
9. [21-1095](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation.

MOTION: Blocker

SECOND: Thoms

ACTION: To add Ordinance No. 28756, regarding unlawful use of public property to tonight's agenda.

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

MOTION: Blocker

SECOND: Thoms

ACTION: To suspend the rules to consider Item 17, Ordinance No. 28756, regarding unlawful use of public property at this time.

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

17. **ORD28756** (Continued from the meeting of August 31, 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.

A motion may be considered to refer Ordinance No. 28756 to the Community Vitality and Safety Committee for consideration of alternatives and to use best efforts to report back to Council by the end of the year.

MOTION: Blocker

SECOND: Thoms

ACTION: To refer Ordinance No. 28756, regarding unlawful use of public property to the Community Vitality and Safety Committee for consideration of alternatives and to use best efforts to report back to Council by the end of the year.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:42 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 69 written comment for Public Comment on Resolution No. 40866, regarding Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption and Ordinance No. 28786, regarding Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations.

49 individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 7:05 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. [21-1097](#) A motion may be considered to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Kristi Croskey v. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 19-2-10697-8, relating to plaintiff's claimed damages stemming from her involvement in a police incident, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$100,000.

MOTION: Blocker

SECOND: Thoms

ACTION: The motion was declared adopted.

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

RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES40862](#) A resolution designating two Environmental Services projects as Special Projects of Limited Duration, and designating general salary classifications and benefits for persons employed on the projects.

MOTION: Blocker

SECOND: Thoms

ACTION: Adopted.

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

12. [RES40863](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with District Lodge No. 160, on behalf of Local Lodge No. 297 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Rail Mechanics Unit, consisting of 16 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023.

MOTION: Blocker
SECOND: Thoms
ACTION: Adopted.

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

13. [RES40864](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with District Lodge No. 160, on behalf of Local Lodge No. 297 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Track Workers Unit, consisting of eight budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025.

MOTION: Blocker
SECOND: Thoms
ACTION: Adopted.

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

14. [RES40865](#) A resolution designating the name “Brewery Blocks” for an area bounded between South 21st Street and South 23rd Street, and between Pacific Avenue to the east and the yet-to-be-developed public thoroughfare known as the Prairie Line Trail to the west.

MOTION: Blocker
SECOND: Thoms
ACTION: Adopted.

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

15. [RES40866](#) A resolution supporting the proposed changes to the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption (“MFTE”), as recommended and approved by the Government Performance and Finance Committee; amending the City’s MFTE to align with state law; eliminating the eight-year MFTE in mixed-use centers designated “very high” opportunity based on the City’s Equity Index; requiring the City Council to revisit the changes to the MFTE program in three years; and directing the City Manager to explore other changes to enhance the City’s use of the MFTE.

MOTION: Blocker
SECOND: Thoms

MOTION: Ushka
AMENDMENT: I move to amend Resolution No. 40866, by amending Page 3, Line 13, of Resolution No. 40866 to add the following paragraph:

WHEREAS, during the November 2, 2021, Study Session, the City Council discussed the value of commercial businesses in the “neighborhood nodes” as defined through the Home in Tacoma process where multifamily housing is currently allowed, and

I move to further amend Page 3, Line 19, of Resolution No. 40866 by adding the following language after the word “Committee”:

, with an additional requirement that buildings using a 12- or 20-year MFTE in “neighborhood nodes” as defined through the Home in Tacoma process would be required to incorporate a commercial use on the first floor of the project.

SECOND: Walker
ACTION: Amended

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

ACTION: Adopted Amended Resolution No. 40866.

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

16. [ORD28770](#) (Continued from the meeting of September 28, 2021) An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.110 of the Municipal Code, entitled “Property Tax Exemptions for Multi-Family Housing”, to eliminate the eight-year Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption in mixed-use centers designated “very high” opportunity, based on the City’s Equity Index, effective 90 days after passage of this ordinance.

ACTION: Passed

Ayes: 6 Nays: 1 (Beale) Absent: 2 (Hunter, McCarthy) Abstaining: 0

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

A motion may be considered to add Ordinance No. 28756 to the November 9, 2021 agenda.

A motion may be considered to move Ordinance No. 28756 before Public Comment.

17. [ORD28756](#) (Continued from the meeting of August 31, 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.

A motion may be considered to refer Ordinance No. 28756 to the Community Vitality and Safety Committee for consideration of alternatives and to use best efforts to report back to Council by the end of the year.

Ordinance No. 28756 was considered and referred to the Community Vitality and Safety Committee earlier in the meeting.

18. [ORD28785](#) 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 District Lodge No. 160, on behalf of Local Lodge No. 297 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Rail Mechanics Unit and Track Workers Unit.

Set over for final reading next week.

19. [ORD28786](#) An ordinance amending Titles 13 and 19 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Land Use Regulatory Code and Shoreline Master Program, by amending various chapters in Title 13, and by repealing and replacing Title 19 in its entirety, to adopt the Tideflats and Industrial Land Use Regulations as recommended by the Planning Commission and modified by the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee; and replacing Amended Ordinance No. 28470, Tideflats Interim Regulations, as approved by the City Council, and as previously extended by Ordinance Nos. 28542, 28583, 28619, 28671, and Amended Ordinance No. 28696 and 28759.

Set over for final reading next week.

26. [21-1027](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Ad Valorem and Emergency Medical Services tax levies for 2022.

The public hearing began at 8:14 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comment for the public hearing.

No individuals addressed the City Council.

The public hearing ended at 8:18 p.m.

27. [21-1028](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed modifications to the 2021-2022 Biennial Operating Budget.

The public hearing began at 8:20 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received three written comment for the public hearing.

No individuals addressed the City Council.

The public hearing ended at 8:20 p.m.

28. [21-1029](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed modifications to the Capital Budget and 2021-2026 Capital Facilities Program.

The public hearing began at 8:20 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comment for the public hearing.

No individuals addressed the City Council.

The public hearing ended at 8:20 p.m.

- 20. [ORD28787](#) An ordinance authorizing an increase in the Ad Valorem general property tax revenue collection in terms of both dollars and percentage for the general property tax levy in 2022.

Set over for final reading next week.

- 21. [ORD28788](#) 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._

Set over for final reading next week.

- 22. [ORD28789](#) An ordinance authorizing an increase for the Emergency Medical Services property tax levy in terms of both dollars and percentage.

Set over for final reading next week.

- 23. [ORD28790](#) 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.

Set over for final reading next week.

- 24. [ORD28791](#) An ordinance modifying the 2021-2022 Biennial Operating Budget to appropriate funds for contractual obligations, transfers, and other budget adjustments; authorizing interfund transfers and contributions; and accepting, depositing, and appropriating miscellaneous donations, contributions, and/or fees.

Set over for final reading next week.

- 25. [ORD28792](#) An ordinance modifying the Capital Budget to recognize changes in transfers, additional revenues, and budget adjustments.

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.)

26. [21-1027](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Ad Valorem and Emergency Medical Services tax levies for 2022.

The public hearing was held earlier in the meeting.

27. [21-1028](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed modifications to the 2021-2022 Biennial Operating Budget.

The public hearing was held earlier in the meeting.

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The public hearing was held earlier in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 8:24 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 32 written comment for Community Forum regarding Climate Action Plan, a homeless camp near South I Street, Home in Tacoma, and COVID-19 restrictions.

Ten individuals addressed the City Council.

Community Forum ended at 8:42 p.m.

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.

MOTION: Blocker

SECOND: Thoms

ACTION: To excuse Council Member McCarthy from the meeting.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.