



City of Tacoma

City Council Agenda

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December 7, 2021
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 9

ABSENT: 0

All Council Members participated virtually.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Beale 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 Beale.

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. **21-1191** Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, June 29, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **21-1197** Minutes of the City Council meeting, June 29, 2021.
3. **21-1196** Minutes of the City Council meeting, July 13, 2021.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

4. **ORD28781** An ordinance reclassifying approximately three acres of real property, located at 5517 North 33rd Street, from an R-3 Two-Family Dwelling District to an R-4L Low Density Multiple-Family Dwelling District, to allow for the development of up to 68 dwelling units and associated site improvements.
(Bruce and Dixie Arneklev; File No. LU21-0046)

MOTION: Blocker
SECOND: Thoms

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ACTION: To consider Ordinance No. 28781, relating to the reclassification of property, separately.

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

MOTION: Hines

AMENDMENT: I move to amend Ordinance No. 28781, to add a condition that the applicant shall install a 7-foot-wide landscaping screening buffer along the east property line, along with a minimum 6-foot-tall solid wood fence. This is in lieu of the code-required 5-foot landscaping perimeter strip.

SECOND: Hunter

ACTION: Passed Ordinance No. 28781, as amended.

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

ACTION: The Consent Agenda was declared adopted

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. **21-1193** Compassionate Tacoma Recognition: Tacoma Rescue Mission.
6. **21-1194** Presentation of the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge Best Special Project Award.

MOTION: Blocker

SECOND: Thoms

ACTION: To suspend the rules to consider Item 13, Ordinance No. 28795, relating to the Compensation Plan, at this time.

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

- 13. ORD28795** An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for nonrepresented employees and employees represented by the Tacoma Firefighters Union, Local 31, and the Professional Public Safety Management Association.

MOTION: Blocker

SECOND: Thoms

ACTION: To continue Ordinance No. 28795 to the meeting of December 14, 2021.

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

MOTION: Blocker

SECOND: Thoms

ACTION: To suspend the rules to consider Item 14, Ordinance No. 28796, relating to the Compensation Plan, at this time.

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

- 14. ORD28796** An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to provide for the implementation of a new classification structure, rates of pay, and compensation plan changes for nonrepresented employees and nonrepresented executive employees, based on recommendations included in the classification and compensation study.

MOTION: Blocker

SECOND: Thoms

ACTION: To remove Ordinance No. 28796 from the agenda.

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

MOTION: Ushka
SECOND: Walker

ACTION: To suspend the rules to consider Item 18, Ordinance No. 28800, relating to the unlawful use of public property, at this time.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms) Abstaining: 0

18. ORD28800 An ordinance relating to public health and safety, entitled “Pathways to Shelter and Stability”, and amending Title 8 of the Municipal Code, by adding a new Chapter 8.19, and providing for severability.

MOTION: Ushka
SECOND: Walker

ACTION: Pursuant to Council Rule 5 A.3 to remove Ordinance No. 28800 from the agenda.

MOTION: Ushka
SECOND: Walker

ACTION: To suspend the rules and limit debate by each individual Council Member on the motion to remove Ordinance No. 28800 from tonight’s agenda to no more than three minutes each.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms) Abstaining: 0

ACTION: To remove Ordinance No. 28800 from the agenda

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms) Abstaining: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was held after Item No. 7.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. 21-1210 A motion may be considered to confirm the appointment of Avery Moore as Police Chief, effective January 18, 2022.

MOTION: Blocker
SECOND: Thoms
ACTION: Adopted.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 6:42 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 94 written comments for Public Comment on Resolution No. 40882, regarding the Age Friendly Tacoma Action Plan; Ordinance No. 28793, regarding the Home in Tacoma Project; and Ordinance No. 28800, regarding the Pathways to Shelter and Stability; as well as a petition that lists the names regarding Home in Tacoma Project with 2,320 signatures.

27 individuals addressed the City Council.

Public Comment ended at 7:28 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

- 8. RES40882** A resolution adopting the Age Friendly Tacoma Action Plan, and directing the City Manager to take the steps necessary to implement the plan.

**MOTION: Blocker
SECOND: Thoms
ACTION: Adopted.**

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

- 9. RES40883** A resolution designating certain expenditures for reimbursement from bond proceeds that may be issued for the construction, repair, replacement, upgrading, improvement, and equipping of the solid waste and sewer (wastewater and stormwater) systems.

**MOTION: Blocker
SECOND: Thoms
ACTION: Adopted.**

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

- 10. RES40884** A resolution approving the write-off of uncollectible debt, for a total amount of \$234,289, pursuant to Municipal Code Section 1.06.226.

**MOTION: Blocker
SECOND: Thoms
ACTION: Adopted.**

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

- 11. ORD28793** (Continued from the meeting of November 30, 2021) An ordinance amending various chapters in Title 13 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Land Use Regulatory Code; approving the Home in Tacoma Project housing policy actions as recommended by the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, including amending the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan elements related to Housing, Urban Form, and Design and Development; and endorsing a Housing Action Plan to guide ongoing implementation, effective January 3, 2022.

MOTION: Blocker

AMENDMENT: I move to amend Ordinance No. 28793 and its exhibits by adding and modifying conditions and amending the policies and map as follows:

1. Amend the Home In Tacoma Ordinance by adding additional conditions for the Phase 2 process as further described in the attachment to this Motion:

- a. Requiring a view study, in particular to examine areas that have not previously received view analysis and/or protections in the Eastside and South End.**
- b. Clarifying that, as part of Phase 2, map adjustments may be appropriate after additional analysis.**
- c. Calling for study of the potential to expand Mid-scale along the S. 84th Street corridor, around the Fern Hill District, as well as other corridors and areas meeting the policy intent for Mid-scale.**
- d. Requiring that the Phase 2 work ensure that zoning and standards are consistent with the goals and policies of historic areas including the North Slope Historic District.**
- e. Requiring as part of the Phase 2 work, evaluation of whether to establish maximum density standards.**

2. Amend the text of the Tacoma Comprehensive Plan Urban Form Chapter as further described in the attachment to this Motion:

- a. Clarifying the policy intent that zoning should be structured to encourage development in areas that don't already meet the vision in terms of density targets.**
- b. Clarifying that single-family detached housing is not non-conforming in both Low-scale and Mid-scale areas.**
- c. Discouraging demolition in Low-scale areas of Historic Districts in the same manner as in Mid-scale areas.**

3. Amend the Tacoma Comprehensive Plan Urban Form maps according the revised maps attached to this Motion.

SECOND: Thoms
ACTION: Amended

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

MOTION: Thoms

AMENDMENT: I move to amend the consolidated amendment for Amended Ordinance No. 28793, on pages 1 and 2 (amend 1.d) and on page 3 No. 4, to include the following language:

“, including a review of changing all (existing and proposed) land use designations within the North Slope Historic District to Low-scale.”

SECOND: Hunter
ACTION: Amended

Ayes: 5 Nays: 4 (Beale, Blocker, Ushka, Walker) Absent:
Abstaining: 0

ACTION: Passed Ordinance No. 28793, as amended.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 2 (Hunter, Thoms) Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0

- 12. ORD28794** An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to provide for the addition of June 19th “Juneteenth” as a paid holiday for City employees, beginning in calendar year 2022.

ACTION: Passed

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

- 13. ORD28795** An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement rates of pay and compensation for nonrepresented employees and employees represented by the Tacoma Firefighters Union, Local 31, and the Professional Public Safety Management Association.

Ordinance No. 28795 was continued to the meeting of December 14, 2021, earlier in the meeting.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

14. **ORD28796** An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to provide for the implementation of a new classification structure, rates of pay, and compensation plan changes for nonrepresented employees and nonrepresented executive employees, based on recommendations included in the classification and compensation study.

Ordinance No. 28796 was removed from the agenda earlier in the meeting.

15. **ORD28797** An ordinance amending Chapters 2.02, 2.19, and 2.22 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Building, Site Development, and Right-of-Way Development Codes, to modify requirements of the City’s floodplain management in order to comply with the State of Washington’s floodplain ordinance, as required by the Department of Ecology; and to make administrative changes to correct section numbers and clarify decision making where there are code conflicts.

Set over for final reading next week.

16. **ORD28798** An ordinance amending Chapter 6A.110 and Chapter 13.17 of the Municipal Code, relating to Property Tax Exemptions for Multi-Family Housing and Mixed-Use Center Development, to update language regarding the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption Program, effective 90 days from the date of passage.

MOTION: Ushka

AMENDMENT: I move to amend Ordinance No. 28798, on page 2, line 24, to add the following “Whereas”:

“WHEREAS the 12-year and 20-year MFTE in TMC 6A.110 shall not become available in the neighborhood commercial nodes until a comprehensive review and update of the design standards for projects which include residential development in those commercial areas is completed, and”

I further move to amend Ordinance No. 28798, by amending Exhibit A, Tacoma Municipal Code 6A.110.020 F.2 to add the following language after the word “Section 13.17.020”:

“, provided that the tax exemptions under this subsection shall not become available in the neighborhood commercial nodes until a comprehensive review and update of the design standards for projects which include residential development in those commercial areas is completed.”

SECOND: McCarthy

ACTION: Amended

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

MOTION: Hines

AMENDMENT: I move to amend Amended Ordinance No. 28798, on page 8, line 17, to insert the following language after subparagraph 6:

a. In the case of projects intended exclusively for owner occupancy, households may earn up to 80 percent of the Pierce County family median income.

SECOND: Ushka

ACTION: Amended

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

Set over for final reading next week.

- 17. ORD28799** An ordinance amending, renaming, and renumbering Chapter 9.16 of the Municipal Code, relating to Streets and Sidewalks - Keeping Clean, by adding two new sections, to prevent obstruction and damage to sidewalks from the loading, unloading, and transport of goods; and amending the penalty provision to align with Tacoma’s Uniform Enforcement Code.

Set over for final reading next week.

- 18. ORD28800** An ordinance relating to public health and safety, entitled “Pathways to Shelter and Stability”, and amending Title 8 of the Municipal Code, by adding a new Chapter 8.19, and providing for severability.

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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.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.