



# OBSERVER REPORT FORM

## **Tacoma City Council Meeting**

Date: March 2, 2021

Name of Observer: Jan Furey

## **Meeting called to order at (time): 5:02 PM**

**Present:** Mayor Victoria Woodards  
Jim Hines  
Robert Thoms  
Keith Blocker  
Catherine Ushka  
Chris Beale  
Lillian Hunter  
Conor McCarthy  
Kristina Walker

**Absent:** No councilmembers were absent.

## **Others present:**

Daniel Wirth, Executive Director Red Cross South Puget Sound  
Megan Pratt, Volunteer Red Cross South Puget Sound  
Tadd Wille, Deputy City Manager, City of Tacoma  
Susan Calderon, Assistant Finance Director and Controller, City of Tacoma  
Andy Cherullo, Finance Director, City of Tacoma

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Blocker moved to adopt minutes for the Jan. 26, 2021 Council meeting and Study session. It was adopted unanimously.

## **PROCLAMATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mayor Woodards proclaimed that the month of March is Red Cross month in the City of Tacoma. Daniel Wirth and Megan Pratt from the Red Cross of South Puget Sound spoke regarding their appreciation for the City's recognition of the organization and its programs. Megan mentioned an upcoming virtual program sponsored by the Red Cross to make homes safer from fire. The web address for more information is:

[Home Fire Safety Campaign: Northwest | Red Cross](#)

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public or written comments presented.

## REGULAR AGENDA

The following items and ordinances were approved by the Council:

- 21-0214, Motion considered to authorize the City's settlement of claims against City by RAS Data Services, Inc. Claim N. B-001-21. **Unanimously approved.**
- ORD28736, Amending Ordinance 28711, which amended Chapter 12.10 of Municipal Code, relating to Water – Regulations and Rates, to provide for City of University Place water rate adjustments, effective April 1, 2021; Jan. 1, 2022, and April 1, 2022. **Passed. Councilmember McCarthy voted against.**
- ORD28737, Amends Ordinance No. 28710, which amended Chapter 12.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Electric Energy – Regulations and Rates, to provide for City of University Place power rate adjustments, effective April 1, 2021, and April 1, 2022. **Passed. Councilmember McCarthy voted against.**

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

The following ordinances were read for the first time and will be sent over to next week's Council meeting for final reading:

- ORD28739, Ordinance amending Chapter 1.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Administration, to update the required frequency of physical inventory of City property from annually to bi-annually, to align with the Washington State Auditor's Office.
- ORD28740, Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of one or more series of limited tax general obligation refunding bonds, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 and unlimited tax general obligation refunding bonds, in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$6,000,000, to refund certain outstanding general obligation bonds and pay costs of issuing the bonds; and delegating authority to approve the final terms of the bonds.

Susan Calderon, Assistant Finance Director, and Andy Cherullo, Finance Director for the City of Tacoma spoke in support of these ordinances.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Tadd Wille noted that the City had published its final budget.
- Councilmember McCarthy reported on the Infrastructure Committee and said the committee had received a presentation on stormwater, wastewater, and impact fees. The next meeting is 3/10 at 4:30 pm.
- Councilmember Ushka briefly reported on the Community Vitality and Safety meeting and mentioned that the next meeting will be on 3/11 at 4:40pm.
- Councilmember Thoms said that the VA has updated its COVID vaccine schedule to include all veterans no matter how old they are. He said that a veteran should call VA to schedule a COVID shot soon. The phone number is 206 717-5716.
- Mayor Woodards reminded the Council that tomorrow was the one-year anniversary of the death of Manuel Ellis. The Tacoma City Council has sent a letter to the Attorney General to encourage him to make the investigation into his death a priority.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the meeting was approved at 5:35 pm.