

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OBSERVER REPORT

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## City of Tacoma City Council Telephone meeting

April 21, 2020

Called to order at 5:00 pm

All council members are present.

### ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK - not discussed

1. 20-0304 A list of 208 names and petition requesting use of vacant gyms at Tacoma Public Schools be used as shelters for the homeless. Endorsed by Tacoma Democratic Socialists of America, TEA, Tacoma Mutual Aid Collective, Feed 253, The People's Assembly, Tacoma Tenants Organizing Committee, and Tenants Union of Washington.
2. 20-0311 Certifies Convention Center and Parking Revenue Bonds Coverage Compliance. Parking revenues for 2019 were \$4.3 million. Convention Center Debt Service was \$2.6 million. Attachments: Compliance Certificate

### CONSENT AGENDA - not discussed, approved unanimously

3. 20-0303 Minutes of the City Council meeting, March 17, 2020.
4. RES40587 sets Thursday, May 28, 2020, at 1:30 p.m., for a hearing to vacate a portion of the dead-end South Oregon Street, also referenced as South Oregon Avenue, lying between the Titus-Will Enterprises, Inc. and Costco Wholesale Corporation properties.

PUBLIC COMMENT Written comments may be submitted to [cityclerk@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityoftacoma.org) every Tuesday before 4:00 p.m. prior to that evening's City Council meeting.

It was noted three letters were received in support of RES40590 Tacoma Creates funding.

### REGULAR AGENDA

5. Letter to Governor Inslee requesting restarting the entire construction industry. Council member McCarthy sent this letter to Gov. Inslee last Tuesday and is asking City Council to support it. McCarthy stated the Building Trade Council forwarded their recommendations to Gov. Inslee last Thursday. No discussion, approved unanimously.

### RESOLUTIONS

6. RES40588 authorizes a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Custodial and Building Maintenance Unit, consisting of 26 budgeted full-time positions, retroactive to January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2022. No questions or discussion. Approved unanimously.
7. RES40589 authorizes a Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Police Management Association, Local 26, consisting of 18 budgeted full-time positions. No discussion. Approved unanimously.
8. RES40590 amends contracts through the Tacoma Arts Commission and authorizes contracts for Tacoma Creates, to allow cultural arts work to continue during the COVID-19

emergency and recovery period. Council member Hunter confirmed that there would be a scope of work, deliverables, an equity component, and accountability clause. Several council members made statements expressing support of the Arts. Approved unanimously.

#### FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

9. ORD28667 Amends 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, Custodial and Building Maintenance Unit, and the Tacoma Police Management Association, Local 26. No discussion. Final reading next week.
  
10. ORD28668 provides for the sale of a water system revenue refunding bond, not to exceed \$18,400,000. The new rate will be 1.4% saving \$1.1 million by 2023 when bonds are paid in full. No discussion. Final reading next week

No reports.

No other council comments.

Mayor indicates staff reports to council members will be delivered on Monday and Thursday and telephone Council meetings will continue on Tuesday and Friday. Each member will receive a weekly call from the Mayor and also from the City Manager.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm.