



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers  
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**November 08, 2022**  
**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 2 - Diaz and Ushka

Council Member Diaz arrived at 5:01 p.m.

Council Member Rumbaugh participated virtually.

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Council Member Diaz arrived here, at 5:01 p.m.

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Daniels 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 Daniels.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-1214](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, July 14, 2022.
2. [22-1215](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, July 28, 2022.
3. [22-1216](#) 2023-2024 Tacoma Public Utilities Preliminary Biennium Budget.

## CONSENT AGENDA

4. [22-1198](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, July 26, 2022.
5. [22-1229](#) Minutes of the City Council special meeting, August 1, 2022.
6. [22-1225](#) Minutes of the Virtual Forum, July 26, 2022.

## RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES41058](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, November 29, 2022, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 1.74 acres of Tacoma Power property, located in the Graham - Eatonville vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County, to Amie and Jared Brisson, for the amount of \$13,500.  
[Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]
8. [RES41059](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, November 29, 2022, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 1.29 acres of Tacoma Power property, located in the Graham - Eatonville vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County, to Eduardo Dominguez and Margarita Calderon, for the amount of \$13,500.  
[Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

**MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41058 and 41059.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41058 and 41059. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 9. [22-1226](#) Proclaiming Tuesday, November 8, 2022, as Student Government Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Tuesday, November 8, 2022, as Student Government Day and presented the proclamation to Cathy Sims and Joe Franco, Management Fellows, City of Tacoma.

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The City Council meeting recessed at 5:15 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 5:23 p.m.

- 10. [22-1228](#) Proclaiming Friday, November 11, 2022, as Distinguished Veterans Appreciation Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Friday, November 11, 2022, as Distinguished Veterans Appreciation Day and presented the proclamation to Janis Clark, Founder and President of the Board of Directors, Safe Homes.

- 11. [22-1227](#) Proclaiming Sunday, November 20, 2022, as Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Sunday, November 20, 2022, as Transgender Day of Remembrance and presented the proclamation to Jenna McMichael, Board Member, and Oliver Webb, Executive Director, Diversity Alliance of Puget Sound; and Lisa and Stella Keating, community members.

- 12. [22-1218](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation, including highlights from the Public Works Department’s racial equity action plan.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided opening remarks on systems transformation and introduced Josh Diekmann, Interim Director, and Jeff Jenkins, Assistant Director, Public Works (PW). Diekmann provided an introduction to PW's ongoing work. Jenkins presented the PW departmental highlights, including the demographic diversity of PW employees; the racial equity action plan (REAP) goals; the intent, specific tasks included, examples, status, and next steps for each REAP goal of how the workforce reflects the community, equitable outreach and engagement, and equitable service delivery; and the departmental look forward, noting goals to finalize the equity mission statement, communications protocol, and engagement framework, and to continue to overlay all of PW's asset information against the City's Equity Index. City Manager Pauli concluded by presenting recent accomplishments,

upcoming community engagements, and the transformation timeline and history.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 6:00 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comment for Public Comment.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, speaking on the Distinguished Veterans Appreciation Day proclamation.

Public Comment ended at 6:04 p.m.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS**

13.     [RES41060](#)     A resolution awarding a contract to Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., in the amount of \$11,011,117.52, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Solid Waste Fund, for a contingency contract for disaster debris removal services, for an initial contract period of five years - Specification No. ES21-0658F.  
[Jody Bratton, Senior Project Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41060.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

14. [RES41061](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Paladin Technologies Inc., in the amount of \$861,269.60, plus applicable taxes, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$947,396.56, budgeted from the Tacoma Dome and Convention Center Operations funds, for replacement and installation of the security camera systems at the Tacoma Dome and Greater Tacoma Convention Center, for an initial contract period through September 30, 2023 - Specification No. PF22-0140F.  
[Sean McBroom, Security Manager; Adam Cook, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41061.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

15. [RES41062](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to and retroactively extending the contract with Sentinel Offender Services, LLC, in the amount of \$417,724, plus applicable taxes, for a projected contract total amount of \$1,861,904, budgeted from the General Fund, for electronic home monitoring, through June 30, 2023 - DES/NASPO Contract No. 00212.  
[Nora Blakeslee, Management Analyst III; Chris Bacha, Chief Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41062.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

16. [ORD28839](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.44 of the Municipal Code, relating to City Council Election Districts, by amending Sections 1.44.020, 1.44.040, and 1.44.060, to update district boundaries.  
[Rosa McLeod, Government Relations Analyst; Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28839.**

**The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum began at 6:10 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received three written comments for Community Forum regarding pallet tiny homes; and Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28831, use of public property.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, regarding homeless encampments and tiny homes.
2. Kit Burns, regarding the City's tree canopy.
3. Eric Musica, regarding homeless encampments.
4. Yu, regarding homeless encampments.
5. April Smith, regarding homeless encampments and public safety.
6. Steph Beck Fey, regarding homeless encampments.
7. Les Pogue Jr., regarding drinking water quality, the Washington Building, and housing.
8. Kathy Lawhon, regarding housing, the crisis response team, Forterra, and homeless encampments.
9. Bridget Hack, regarding homeless encampments.
10. Venus Durgan, regarding a Flett Creek and tiny homes cleanup, and appreciation for City staff.

Community Forum ended at 6:27 p.m.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli addressed comments from Community Forum regarding homeless encampments, noting a tent shelter site at South 35th Street and Pacific Avenue will be opening on Monday, November 14, 2022; it is designed as a bring your own tent site; notices were posted at the encampment adjacent to the site on Tuesday, November 1, 2022; and that there has been a large increase in the number of individuals at the adjacent encampment. She concluded by reminding the Council Members that there are 40 available beds at Catholic Community Services and 50 more will be available at the Tacoma Rescue Mission.

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

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported at the November 1, 2022, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Board of Ethics, and received presentations on the Civil Service Board and the code of conduct for committees, boards, and commissions. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on November 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., and will include interviews for the Audit Advisory Board and a presentation on the City's safety program.

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Council Member Bushnell announced that this week is the U.S. Marine Corps 247th birthday and provided background information.

Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that it is Election Day, encouraged all residents to exercise their right to vote, and stated that ballot drop boxes close at 8:00 p.m.

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**MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved to excuse Deputy Mayor Ushka from the meeting**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk