



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

Council Chambers

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**July 23, 2024**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Hines called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

## SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR COUNCIL MEMBER SADALGE

District No. 4 Council Member Sandesh Sadalge was sworn into office by Pierce County Council Member Marty Campbell.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Daniels

Council Member Daniels arrived at 5:11 p.m.

Mayor Woodards participated virtually.

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Council Member Sadalge made comments expressing gratitude for the support of his family and other individuals.

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Rumbaugh 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 Rumbaugh.

Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 5:11 p.m.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of Dennis Flannigan.

**ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

1. [24-0748](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, June 26, 2024.
2. [24-0749](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, June 26, 2024.
3. [24-0770](#) Tacoma Employees' Retirement System, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report 2023.

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

There were no modifications to the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA****PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS**

4. [RES41480](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Herrera Environmental Consultants, in the amount of \$1,210,287, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Stormwater Fund, to implement a field study to monitor stormwater and storm sediments for contaminants of emerging concern - Architectural and Engineering Roster Contract No. CW2265700. [Brandi Lubliner, Principal Engineer; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]
5. [RES41481](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$582,000, sales tax not applicable, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for the purchase of liquid polyaluminum chloride used in treating wastewater at the City's wastewater treatment plants, for an initial contract period of three years, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods, for a projected contract total of \$970,000 - Specification No. ES24-0095F. [Josiah Rowell, Warehouse Supervisor; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]
6. [RES41482](#) A resolution authorizing an increase and extending the contract with Cascadia Consulting Group, in the amount of \$312,248, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$735,683, budgeted from the Solid Waste Fund, to allow for additional waste characterization work for the recently awarded Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach Grant, through December 31, 2027 - Specification No. ES23-0042F. [Phet Sinthavong, Senior Regulatory Compliance Analyst; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

7. [RES41483](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Retail Lockbox Inc, in the amount of \$400,000, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$1,000,000, budgeted from various departmental funds, to add a Clover point-of-sale collection system for Tagro - Specification No. FI21-0595F. [Patsy Best, Procurement and Payables Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

## RESOLUTIONS

8. [RES41484](#) A resolution setting Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 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 consideration for extending an existing moratorium on certain high-impact uses within the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District. [Maryam Moeinian, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41480 through 41484.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41480 through 41484. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. [24-0786](#) Proclaiming July 31-August 5, 2024, as Power Paddle to Puyallup Youth Canoe Journey Week.

Deputy Mayor Hines proclaimed July 31 - August 5, 2025, as Power Paddle to Puyallup Youth Canoe Journey Week and presented the proclamation to Annette Bryan, Councilwoman, and Amy McFarland, Member, Puyallup Tribal Council; and Connie McCloud, Heritage Division Manager, Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

10. 24-0771 Proclaiming July 2024 as Disability Pride Month.

Deputy Mayor Hines proclaimed July 2024 as Disability Pride Month and presented the proclamation to Haley Edick, Vice Chair, Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities; Nalani Linder, Executive Director, Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities; Mattice Hoyt, Owner, Mattice Beauty Supply; Krystal Jimenez, Local Artist; and Clover Tamayo, Owner, Clover Daydreams bookstore.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:41 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Sally Perkins, speaking on Resolution No. 41491.
2. Laurie Arnold, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41491 and 41490.
3. Michele Reich, speaking on Resolution No. 41490.
4. Ovunayo X, speaking on Resolution No. 41491.
5. Kathy Lawhon, speaking Resolution Nos. 41484 and 41489.

Public comment ended at 5:52 p.m.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

11. 24-0785 A motion may be considered to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Brandon T. Barrett v. City of Tacoma, et al., Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 22-2-04653-3, related to an incident occurring on January 16, 2021 involving a Tacoma Power tree trimming bucket utility truck, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$850,000.00 and execution of a release in a form approved by the City Attorney.

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to authorize the City's full and final settlement of all claims against the City in the matter of Brandon T. Barrett v. City of Tacoma, et al., Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 22-2-04653-3, related to an incident occurring on January 16, 2021, involving a Tacoma Power tree trimming bucket utility truck, upon payment by the City in the amount of \$850,000.00 and execution of a release in a form approved by the City Attorney.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

## APPOINTMENTS

12. [\*\*RES41486\*\*](#) A resolution appointing individuals to committees that will prepare statements "For" and "Against" Proposition No. 1, concerning lifting the property tax levy for the Tacoma Fire Department, which will appear in the Voters' Pamphlet for the November 5, 2024, General Election.  
[Debra E. Casparian, Deputy City Attorney; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41486.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

## PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

13. [\*\*RES41487\*\*](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Rognlins, Inc, in the amount of \$3,520,400, plus applicable taxes, plus a 20 percent contingency, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for construction of the Central Treatment Plant Secondary Clarifier Nos. 4, 5, and 6 Restoration Project, for a projected contract total of \$4,224,480 - Specification No. ES24-0075F.  
[Kevin Sorum, Senior Associate Civil Engineer; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41487.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

14. [RES41488](#) A resolution authorizing an increase and extending the contract with Northwest Industrial Staffing, Inc, in the amount of \$300,000, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$2,680,000, budgeted from the Tacoma Dome and Convention Center Operations funds, for on-call temporary personnel services, through October 30, 2024 - Specification No. PF18-0420F.  
[Josh Kropf, Assistant Director; Adam Cook, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41488.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

15. [RES41489](#) A resolution authorizing an increase and extending the contract with Wells Fargo Bank, NA, in the amount of \$1,000,000, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$3,500,000, budgeted from various departmental funds, for merchant services, through March 31, 2030 - Specification No. FI13-0360F.  
[Patsy Best, Procurement and Payables Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41489.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Sadalge, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

## RESOLUTIONS

16. [RES41490](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Meacham Development, LLC, for the development of six multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 2418 South "I" Street in the Downtown Regional Growth Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Patricia Beard, Interim Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41490.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

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

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

**Nays:** 1 - Scott

17. [RES41491](#) A resolution transmitting six proposed amendments to the City Charter to the Pierce County Auditor to be placed on the ballot, and calling for a Special Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in conjunction with the General Election for the purpose of the voters' consideration of said proposed Charter amendments.

[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41491.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes:** 7 - Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Nays:** 1 - Diaz

**Abstain:** 1 - Sadalge

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Deputy Mayor Hines gave a reminder that the City Clerk's Office is accepting letters of interest to serve on the committees to prepare statements "For" and "Against" each proposed City Charter amendment, through Friday, July 26, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.; letters will be reviewed by the Government Performance and Finance Committee at a special meeting on Monday, July 29, 2024, starting at 10:00 a.m.; and the full City Council will consider an appointment resolution at the July 30, 2024, meeting.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## COMMUNITY FORUM

Community forum began at 6:25 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 10 written comments for community forum regarding the Scott Pierson Trail, vehicle emissions, Tacoma Fire Department funding, Chambers remodel, proposed City Charter amendments, Pierce Transit, shipping containers, and the Harrison Shooting Range.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Heidi Stephens, regarding equity in South Tacoma and City water.
2. April Smith, regarding form of government.
3. Sally Perkins, regarding homelessness.
4. Theresa Evans, regarding Council Members walking around the City.
5. Michele Reich, regarding vehicle emission mitigation and transitioning to electric vehicles.
6. Daren Holter, regarding Harrison Shooting Range.
7. Samralee Richardson, regarding Home in Tacoma.
8. Kathy Lawhon, regarding Alberta J. Canada apartments management.
9. Ovunayo X, regarding homelessness.

Community forum ended at 6:42 p.m.

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The meeting recessed at 6:42 p.m., and reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

## REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

## COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

### Economic Development Committee

Council Member Daniels, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, reported at the July 9, 2024, meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the City's Economic Disparity study; and the July 23, 2024, meeting, included a presentation on updating the City's Economic Development Strategy Plan. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in hybrid format on July 30, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., and will include interviews for the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board and a debrief on the initial meetings with BLOXHUB on sustainable urbanization.

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Deputy Mayor Hines commented on the passing of Matt Driscoll, stating a moment of silence will be held in his honor during next week's meeting.

### ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Andrea Tabor  
for Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Nicole Emery  
Nicole Emery, City Clerk