



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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**October 18, 2022**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Blocker, Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Daniels

Council Member Daniels arrived at 5:14 p.m.

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Blocker 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 Blocker.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-1119](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, June 8, 2022.
2. [22-1120](#) Minutes of the Human Services Commission, July 13, 2022.
3. [22-1136](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, July 13, 2022.
4. [22-1137](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, July 27, 2022.
5. [22-1138](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, August 10, 2022.
6. [22-1114](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, August 29, 2022.

## CONSENT AGENDA

7. [22-1139](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, June 28, 2022.
8. [22-1142](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, July 12, 2022.
9. [22-1143](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, July 19, 2022.
10. [22-1140](#) Minutes of the Virtual Forum, June 28, 2022.

## RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES41043](#) A resolution accepting a donation in the amount of \$218,486.04 from a former City of Tacoma library employee, and depositing said sum into the Library Special Revenue Fund.  
[Susan Calderon, Assistant Director; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

12. [ORD28830](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of North 24th Street and North Cedar Street, to cure residential building encroachments.  
(Matt Shrader and Karen Fierro; File No. 124.1435)  
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]
13. [ORD28833](#) An ordinance repealing Substitute Ordinance No. 28807 in its entirety at the Petitioner's request to cancel the request for Street Vacation No. 124.1425 to vacate a portion of an alley right-of-way, abutting and lying south of East 30th Street, between East "K" Street to the west, and Valley View Terrace to the east, to allow for expanded residential yard use.  
[Britany Avila, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41043 and final reading of Ordinance Nos. 28830 and 28833.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41043 and final reading of Ordinance Nos. 28830 and 28833. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Daniels

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 14. [22-1133](#) Proclaiming October 17-23, 2022, as Estate Planning Awareness Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 17-23, 2022, as Estate Planning Awareness Week and presented the proclamation to Rick Oldenburg, Co-Chair, and Sherri Stanton, Committee Member, Leave 10 South Sound.

- 15. [22-1134](#) Proclaiming October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Craig Roberts, Director, Crystal Judson Family Justice Center.

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Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 5:14 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:14 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

- 1. Esther Day, speaking on Resolution No. 41038.
- 2. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on Resolution No. 41038.

Public Comment ended at 5:19 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### APPOINTMENTS

16. [RES41044](#) A resolution appointing J. Manny Santiago to the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees to fill an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2026. [Mayor Woodards]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41044.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

### RESOLUTIONS

17. [RES41038](#) (Continued from the meeting of October 4, 2022) A resolution affirming the future development alternatives to be evaluated within the Tideflats Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, as recommended by the Tideflats Steering Committee. [Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41038.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

18. [RES41045](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Project S39 LLC, for the development of 184 multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 2912 South “C” Street, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.  
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41045.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

19. [RES41046](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$5,000, to sponsor the Mayor’s Youth Commission of Tacoma travel to the National League of Cities conference.  
[Mayor Woodards]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41046.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

20. [ORD28834](#) An ordinance amending 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, Water Division Unit.  
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28834.**

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

21. [ORD28835](#) An ordinance authorizing the execution of a Water Supply Agreement with WestRock CP, LLC, through July 31, 2023, with the option to renew for additional one-year periods, with a final ending date not to exceed July 31, 2025. [Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent; Jackie Flowers, Director, Tacoma Public Utilities]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28835 was set over for final reading next week.**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

There was no report.

## 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 September 20, 2022, meeting, the Committee received presentations on Tacoma Public Utilities' preliminary budget and rates, the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Accelerator Program, and the Recycle Reset project; on October 4, 2022, the Committee received presentations on proposed updates to the Tacoma Municipal Code regarding for-hire regulations, and the ADU Accelerator Program; and at today's meeting, the Committee received presentations on Washington State Senate Bill 5755 regarding sales and use tax incentive program to encourage redevelopment of vacant lands in urban areas, and a review of the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption Program. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on November 1, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., and will include interviews for the Board of Ethics, an introduction to the Civil Service Board, and a presentation on the code of conduct for committees, boards, and commissions.

### Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Walker, Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the September 28, 2022, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Sustainable Tacoma Commission's annual report, the Climate Action Plan budget proposal, and ADUs; and on October 12, 2022, the Committee received presentations on Home in Tacoma Project Phase 2 and the Transfer of Development Rights Program.

She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on October 26, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., and will include presentations on the Capital Facilities Program and the consideration of a moratorium for the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District.

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Council Member Walker reported that on Friday, October 14, 2022, the Joint Municipal Action Committee (JMAC) received presentations on Tacoma Public Schools process and work on their anti-racism policy and on Pierce County's new equity index. She concluded by stating the next JMAC meeting will be held on Friday, November 18, 2022; and by inviting elected officials to attend the Friday, December 9, 2022, JMAC meeting at 8:00 a.m., at the STAR Center.

Council Member Rumbaugh invited everyone to attend her first townhall on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the theater room at Stadium High School.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk