



City of Tacoma

City Council Agenda

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

Council Chambers

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March 10, 2026

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [26-0174](#) Minutes of the Operational Strategy and Administrative Committee, February 13, 2026.
Attachments: [OSACMin20260213](#)
2. [26-0169](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, February 11, 2026.
Attachments: [PUBSSMin20260211](#)
3. [26-0170](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, February 11, 2026.
Attachments: [PUBMin20260211](#)

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

4. [ORD29061](#) An ordinance vacating a segment of Court “C” lying between South 17th Street and Jefferson Avenue, to allow for future growth and development of the University of Washington Tacoma campus.
(The Board of Regents of the University of Washington; File No. 124.1458)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 29061](#)

[City Council Action Memorandum](#)

[Hearing Examiner's Report and Recommendation](#)

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5. [ORD29062](#) An ordinance vacating a segment of South 19th Street from Market Street to Jefferson Avenue, to allow for future growth and development of the University of Washington Tacoma campus.
(The Board of Regents of the University of Washington; File No. 124.1459)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 29062](#)

[City Council Action Memorandum](#)

[Hearing Examiner's Report and Recommendation](#)

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

6. [ORD29095](#) An ordinance vacating the air rights over East 30th Street approximately 400 feet easterly from the intersection of East Portland Avenue and East 30th Street, to build a pedestrian connection between the Emerald Queen Casino and a planned parking garage.
(Puyallup Tribe of Indians; File No. 124.1463)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]
- Attachments:** [Ordinance No. 29095](#)
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)
[Hearing Examiner's Report and Recommendation](#)
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PAYMENTS

7. [26-0181](#) Date Range - 02/09/2026 to 02/22/2026
Payroll in the amount of \$24,456,666.20; Payments in the amount of \$21,167,658.08; for a total of \$45,624,324.28.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. [26-0153](#) Recognizing the Girls Flag Football Teams from Stadium and Lincoln High Schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the time set aside for public comment on motions, resolutions, and first and final reading of ordinances. Speakers are asked to identify the specific legislation they wish to address. Comments will not be accepted on ordinances forwarded to the City Council by the Hearing Examiner for which a public hearing has already been held. On tonight's agenda that includes Ordinance Nos. 29061, 29062, and 29095. To comment virtually, use the Zoom link or phone number listed at the top of the agenda and press the Raise Hand button near the bottom of your Zoom window or *9 on your phone; if speaking in person, please sign in at the back of the Council Chambers. Your name or the last four digits of your phone number will be called out when it is your turn to speak.

Written comments may be submitted to cityclerk@tacoma.gov at least 24 hours prior to the Tuesday evening City Council meeting for the Public Comment period. Comments will be compiled and sent to the City Council and posted online.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. [26-0185](#) A motion may be considered to modify the agenda for the regular City Council business meetings to be held on March 24, April 28, and May 26, 2026, to temporarily remove community forum from the agendas while the City Council considers permanent amendments to the City Council Rules of Procedure, and that the 60 minute limitation upon community forum under Rule 9.C of the City Council Rules of Procedure be temporarily suspended for the community forums to be held during the regular business meetings of the City Council on March 10, April 14, and May 12, 2026.

RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES41865](#) A resolution continuing the Downtown Tacoma Business Improvement Area (BIA), for the 39th year, providing for levy assessments and other income, in the amount of \$1,960,865; and approving the renewed BIA annual work plan, budget, and assessment rates from May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027.
[Debbie Bingham, Business and Economic Development Manager; Tanja Carter, Director, Community and Economic Development]

Attachments: [Resolution No. 41865](#)

[City Council Action Memorandum](#)

[Work Plan](#)

[Budget](#)

[Presentation](#)

11. [RES41866](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Local Development Council of Tacoma d.b.a. the Downtown Tacoma Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$2,024,180, budgeted from the Downtown Business Improvement Area Fund, to provide administration services for operations included in the annual work plan and budget.

[Debbie Bingham, Business and Economic Development Manager; Tanja Carter, Director, Community and Economic Development]

Attachments: [Resolution No. 41866](#)

[City Council Action Memorandum](#)

[Agreement](#)

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12. [RES41867](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Customer and Field Services Unit, retroactive to January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027.
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]
Attachments: [Resolution No. 41867](#)
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)
[Fiscal Impact Memorandum](#)
[Agreement](#)

13. [RES41868](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Human Resources Unit, retroactive to January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027.
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]
Attachments: [Resolution No. 41868](#)
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)
[Fiscal Impact Memorandum](#)
[Agreement](#)

14. [RES41869](#) A resolution designating Garden Route District Municipality, South Africa, as a Sister City and formally removing the City of George, South Africa, as a Sister City.
[Mayor Ibsen]
Attachments: [Resolution No. 41869](#)
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)
[Application](#)
[Letter of Intent](#)
[Tacoma Sister Cities Meeting Minutes April 2024](#)

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

15. [ORD29094](#) An ordinance authorizing the Department of Public Utilities, Light Division, d.b.a. Tacoma Power, to update the wholesale transmission and ancillary service rates in the Open Access Transmission Tariff and to update the terms and conditions in Attachment O to reflect current practices of the Western Energy Imbalance Market, effective April 1, 2026.
[Jing Liu, Power Utility Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]
Attachments: [Ordinance No. 29094](#)
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)
[Board Action Memorandum](#)
[Open Access Transmission Tariff](#)
[Presentation](#)
16. [ORD29096](#) (First and Final Reading) An ordinance declaring the public necessity for, and providing for the acquisition by eminent domain, certain property located along East Portland Avenue between East 64th Street and East 72nd Street, for right-of-way necessary to construct the pedestrian signal safety, and road improvements in connection with the East Portland Avenue Project; and declaring an emergency, making this ordinance effective upon passage.
[Kandi Bremer, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Interim Director, Public Works]
Attachments: [Ordinance No. 29096](#)
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)
[Map](#)
[Presentation](#)

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

17. [ORD29097](#) 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, Customer and Field Services and Human Resources Units.
[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Linnaea Jablonski, Director, Human Resources]
Attachments: [Ordinance No. 29097](#)
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)
[Fiscal Impact Memorandums](#)
[Ordinance Disclosure Memorandum](#)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMUNITY FORUM

The purpose of Community Forum is to assist the City Council in making policy decisions. Items of discussion will be limited to matters over which the City Council has jurisdiction. Arguments shall not be made in support of, or opposition to, any matter on this week's agenda. Each person may address the City Council one time only during this forum.

To request to speak virtually, please press the Raise Hand button near the bottom of your Zoom window or *9 on your phone; if speaking in person, please sign in at the back of the Council Chambers. Your name or the last four digits of your phone number will be called out when it is your turn to speak.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

ADJOURNMENT

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