



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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**June 20, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

Council Member Hines participated virtually.

Deputy Mayor Walker initially participated virtually and arrived in-person at 5:24 p.m.

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Bushnell 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 Bushnell.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [23-0635](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, February 7, 2023.
2. [23-0636](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, February 21, 2023.
3. [23-0629](#) Minutes of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, January 11, 2023.
4. [23-0627](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, January 18, 2023.
5. [23-0628](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, February 1, 2023.

6. [23-0642](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, February 15, 2023.
7. [23-0643](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, March 1, 2023.
8. [23-0644](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, March 15, 2023.
9. [23-0649](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, May 24, 2023.
10. [23-0650](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, May 24, 2023.
11. [23-0638](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, May 8, 2023.
12. [23-0616](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, May 1, 2023.
13. [23-0618](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, May 18, 2023.

### **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

There were no modifications to the agenda.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

14. [23-0639](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, March 14, 2023.
15. [23-0640](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, March 21, 2023.

### **PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS**

16. [RES41218](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Rosenbauer America, LLC, in the amount of \$1,977,470, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, budgeted from the General and Fleet Equipment Rental funds, for the purchase of Commander Heavy Rescue RAS and Freightliner Air Light Rescue vehicles - Sourcewell Contract No. 113021-RSD.  
[Teresa Green, Business Services Manager; Toryono Green, Fire Chief]

17. [RES41219](#) A resolution awarding a contract to N C Machinery Co, in the amount of \$707,905.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 10 percent contingency, budgeted from the Solid Waste Fund, for the purchase of one Caterpillar Model 966-BR Wheel Loader to process and load solid waste at the Recovery and Transfer Center, for a projected contract total of \$778,695.50 - Sourcewell Contract No. 032119-CAT.  
[Lewis Griffith, P.E., Solid Waste Management Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]
18. [RES41220](#) A resolution awarding contracts to the following contractors:
- McKinstry Co., LLC, in the amount of \$600,000, plus applicable taxes; and
  - General Mechanical, Inc., in the amount of \$600,000, plus applicable taxes;
- budgeted from various departmental funds, to provide on-call facility contracting services, for an initial contract period of two years, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods, for a projected contract total of \$1,200,000 - Specification No. ES22-0324F.  
[Jody Bratton, P.E., Senior Engineering Project Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**PAYMENTS**

19. [23-0637](#) Date Range - 05/22/2023 to 06/04/2023  
Payroll in the amount of \$20,180,223.38; Payments in the amount of \$36,338,740.70; for a total of \$56,518,964.08.

**MOTION: Council Member Daniels moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41218 through 41220.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 41218 through 41220. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

20. [23-0665](#) Proclaiming Tuesday, June 20, 2023, as World Refugee Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Tuesday, June 20, 2023, as World Refugee Day and presented the proclamation to Maurice Lekea and Thierry Ruboneka, Commissioners, Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs; and representatives from various countries.

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Deputy Mayor Walker arrived here, at 5:24 p.m.

21. [23-0651](#) Recognizing Dr. Anthony Chen.

Mayor Woodards recognized Dr. Anthony Chen, Director of Health, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, and presented the recognition and a key to the City to Dr. Chen.

22. [23-0652](#) Recognizing Stella Keating.

Mayor Woodards recognized Stella Keating, community advocate, and presented the recognition and a key to the City to Keating.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:40 p.m.

The City Clerk’s Office received three written comments for Public Comment on Resolution No. 41226, regarding a moratorium on the Historic Special Review and Conservation Districts.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Jess Guatney, speaking on Resolution No. 41226.
2. Eric Musica, speaking on Resolution Nos. 41223 and 41224.
3. Cathie Urwin, speaking on Resolution No. 41224.
4. Heidi Stephens, speaking on Resolution No. 41226.
5. Nancy Shaw, speaking on Ordinance No. 28893.
6. Gia Mugford, speaking on Resolution No. 41226.
7. Les Pogue Jr., speaking on Resolution No. 41226.

Public Comment ended at 5:54 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

23. [RES41221](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Insituform Technologies, LLC, in the amount of \$2,065,697.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 10 percent contingency, budgeted from the Wastewater and Surface Water funds, for rehabilitation of approximately 1.4 miles of underground sewer pipes in various areas, for a projected contract total of \$2,272,266.70 - Specification No. ES23-0015F.  
[Olivia Mathison, Senior Associate Civil Engineer; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41221.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.**

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

### RESOLUTIONS

24. [RES41222](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Court Clerks Unit, regarding Court Clerk's application of rate when assigned to perform Bailiff duties.  
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41222.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.**

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

25. [RES41223](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with 2601 MLK JR WAY, LLC, for the development of 20 multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 2106 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.  
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41223.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.**

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

26. [RES41224](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with 4308 S Alder St, LLC, for the development of 60 multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 4308 South Alder Street, in the Tacoma Mall Mixed-Use Center.  
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41224.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.**

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

27. [RES41225](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$6,000, to sponsor the Buffalo Soldiers Museum’s event, “Honoring Our Military Labor Force”.  
[Council Member Blocker]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41225.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.**

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

28. [RES41226](#) A resolution directing the Planning Commission and Landmarks Preservation Commission to determine if a moratorium on nomination and designation of Historic Special Review and Conservation Districts is warranted.  
[Council Member Rumbaugh]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41226.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.**

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

## **FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

29. [ORD28889](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement compensation for employees represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Tacoma Power Unit.  
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28889.**

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

30. [ORD28890](#) An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of one or more series of limited tax general obligation refunding bonds, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$32,000,000, to defease and refund certain outstanding general obligation bonds of the City and to pay costs of issuing the bonds; providing the form of the bonds; and delegating the authority to approve the final terms of the bonds.  
[Michael San Soucie, City Treasurer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28890.**

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

31. [ORD28891](#) An ordinance amending Amended Ordinance No. 26749, which granted the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority d.b.a. Sound Transit, a non-exclusive Right of Use Agreement, by adding Exhibits “E” and “F” to establish rights, duties, and responsibilities related to maintenance, repair, or replacement of a portion of a 24-inch stormwater main located under the Link Light Rail Expansion Project Overhead Contact System within Stadium Way.  
[Corey Newton, P.E., Division Manager, Planning and Development Services; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28891.**

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 3 - Blocker, Hines and Ushka

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

32. [ORD28892](#) 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, Court Clerks Unit.  
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28892 was set over for final reading next week.**



- 33. [ORD28893](#) An ordinance adopting the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amended for the years 2023 and 2024-2029.  
[Jennifer Kammerzell, Assistant Division Manager; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28893 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**

Economic Development Committee

There was no report.

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Bushnell, Vice Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported at the June 6, 2023, meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Board of Ethics and received presentations on the Accessory Dwelling Unit Accelerator Phase 2 and the State Auditor's Office 2021 Transportation Benefit District financial and accountability audit and the 2022 audit entrance conference; and at today's meeting, the Committee conducted additional interviews for the Board of Ethics and received presentations on fiscal sustainability, pole attachments and 5G build out, and Tacoma Water 2023 refunding bonds. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on July 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., and will include a review of letters of interest for "For" and "Against" Committees for the Landlord Fairness Code Initiative, and presentations on the monthly budget update and a class and compensation overview.

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Council Member Daniels expressed appreciation to Council Members for supporting the purchase of iPads for the Summer Coding Workshop Series, noting an announcement was sent out last week, and over half of the classes are full.

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Walker moved excuse Council Members Blocker and Ushka from the meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.**

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk