



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Council Chambers  
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**May 10, 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:** 9 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, Hines, McCarthy, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Council Members McCarthy and Walker participated virtually.

## FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Hines 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 Hines.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

There were no items filed in the City Clerk's Office.

## CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items.

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. [22-0541](#) Proclaiming May 15-21, 2022, as National Public Works Week.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed May 15-21, 2022, as National Public Works Week and presented the proclamation to Mike Slevin, Director, Environmental Services.

- 2. [22-0542](#) Proclaiming May 2022 as Hunger Awareness Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed May 2022 as Hunger Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Elizabeth Howe, Director of Development, Emergency Food Network.

- 3. [22-0543](#) Compassionate Tacoma Recognition.

The Compassionate Tacoma Recognition was rescheduled.

- 4. [22-0544](#) Presentation from the City Manager regarding Systems Transformation, including highlights from the Finance Department’s racial equity action plan.

City Manager Elizabeth Pauli provided opening remarks on systems transformation and introduced Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance. Cherullo introduced Erica Pierce, Senior Buyer, and Tammy Liddle Lobban, Senior Management and Budget Analyst, Finance. Together, Pierce and Liddle Lobban presented the Finance departmental highlight, noting the City Council priority area of livable wage jobs through equity in contracting, and belief and trust through equity in budgeting. Cherullo reviewed how the workforce reflects the community, noting the racial and demographic diversity of Finance employees and initiatives to address systemic issues; purposeful community outreach and engagement; equitable service delivery; and the departmental look forward, noting ongoing efforts. City Manager Pauli concluded by presenting recent accomplishments, upcoming items, and the transformation timeline and history.

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 8, Resolution No. 40970, regarding the Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Police Union, Local 6, at this time.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

8. [RES40970](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Police Union, Local 6, I.U.P.A., regarding the timeline for administrative leave following a use of deadly force situation.  
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre; City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to continue Resolution No. 40970 to a date to be determined.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:36 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Les Pogue Jr., speaking on the City Manager's presentation regarding systems transformation, the police reconciliation project, and affordable housing.
2. Kathy Lawhon, speaking on speaking on the City Manager's presentation regarding systems transformation, and the police reconciliation project.
3. Timothy Smith, speaking on Resolution No. 40970.

Public Comment ended at 5:45 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### APPOINTMENTS

5.     [RES40968](#)     A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Human Rights Commission.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40968.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

6.     [RES40969](#)     A resolution appointing individuals to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission and the Transportation Commission.  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40969.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

## RESOLUTIONS

7. [RES40955](#) (Continued from the meeting of April 26, 2022) A resolution modifying the timelines for the proposed land use code amendments pertaining to the use of shipping containers for storage, and expanded allowances for the use of electric fences, as previously directed by Resolution Nos. 40794 and 40881, to be considered as part of the Planning Commission's 2023 Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code Amendment docket; and providing additional guidance for Planning Commission consideration.  
[Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 40955.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved as a substitute, Substitute Resolution No. 40955.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.**

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

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

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

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

8. [RES40970](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Police Union, Local 6, I.U.P.A., regarding the timeline for administrative leave following a use of deadly force situation.  
[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre; City Attorney]

Resolution No. 40970 was continued to a date to be determined earlier in the meeting.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

9. [22-0510](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the declaration of surplus and sale of approximately 2.74 acres of Tacoma Power property, located in the Vader vicinity of unincorporated Cowlitz County, to the BNSF Railway Company, for the amount of \$81,200.  
[Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

The public hearing began at 5:58 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Kathy Lawhon, resident.
2. Les Pogue Jr., resident.

The public hearing ended at 6:06 p.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **COMMUNITY FORUM**

Community Forum began at 6:06 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received three written comments for Community Forum regarding the proposed warehouse project in South Tacoma and crime.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Barbara Church, regarding equity and transformation.
2. Kyle Jolibois, regarding the Pierce County Sheriff.
3. Les Pogue Jr., regarding the Community Forum format, Tacoma Public Utility surplus property and community participation in City Council meetings.
4. Kathy Lawhon, regarding the Community Forum format, Alberta J. Canada Apartments, the Tacoma Police Department, and protesting.

Community Forum ended at 6:16 p.m.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

## COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

### Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

Council Member Hines, Vice Chair of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, reported at the April 13, 2022, meeting, the Committee received presentations on the Home in Tacoma Project - Phase 2 work program, and the Occidental Chemical cleanup site; and on April 27, 2022, the Committee conducted an interview for the Transportation Commission and received presentations on the final draft of the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program annual amendments and the historic preservation program. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held on May 11, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., through Zoom, and will include interviews for the Planning Commission and presentations on the Urban Design Project Phase 1, Vision Zero and speed reduction, and sidewalk funding.

### ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk