



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

Tacoma Public Utilities - Auditorium  
3628 South 35th Street, Ground Floor, Tacoma, WA 98409  
Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126  
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**July 02, 2024**  
**5:00 PM**

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## Change of Location

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ROLL CALL

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

Council Member Scott participated virtually.

### 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. [24-0695](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, May 22, 2024.
2. [24-0696](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, May 22, 2024.
3. [24-0652](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, May 13, 2024.

### AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### PAYMENTS

4. [24-0694](#) Date Range - 06/03/2024 to 06/16/2024  
Payroll in the amount of \$22,179,619.44; Payments in the amount of \$30,904,528.14;  
for a total of \$53,084,147.58.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

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

### PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. [24-0687](#) Proclaiming July 2024 as LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed July 2024, as LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month, and presented the proclamation to Jason Hixenbaugh, Vice President, Rainbow Center Board; Matthew Wilson, Executive Director, Oasis Youth Center; local drag artist Delyla Dalyte; Lee MacClellan, Queer City Collective; Wayne Rowser, Drop-in Specialist, Oasis Youth Center; and Lisa Keating, Director, Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors.

6. [24-0676](#) Presentation of the Mayor's Youth Commission Annual Report for 2023-2024.

D'Angelo Baker, Senior Management Fellow, and Theo Wygle, Vice Chair, Mayor's Youth Commission, presented the Mayor's Youth Commission Annual Report for 2023-2024.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment began at 5:40 p.m.

The City Clerk's office received three written comments for public comment, regarding Resolution No. 41458 and 24-0691 (nomination of finalists for the City Council District No. 4 position).

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Rachi Wortham, speaking on Resolution No. 41461.
2. Cierra Ozolin, speaking on Resolution No. 41461.
3. Cherrie Walker, speaking on Resolution No. 41461.
4. Stacey Moyo, speaking on Resolution No. 41461.
5. Gail Neal, speaking on Resolution No. 41461.
6. Sean Arent, speaking on Resolution No. 41458.
7. Kailyn Smith, speaking on Resolution No. 41461.
8. Kathy Lauhon, speaking on Resolution No. 41458.

Public comment ended at 5:58 p.m.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **APPOINTMENTS**

7. [RES41457](#) A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma leadership team.  
[Anna Le, Management Fellow; Hyun Kim, Deputy City Manager, City Manager's Office]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41457.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**

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

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

## PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

8.        [RES41458](#)     A resolution increasing the contract with Green Earthworks Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$2,432,433.59, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$4,616,293.65, budgeted from various departmental funds, for homeless encampment mitigation - Specification No. CT22-0080F.  
[Patsy Best, Procurement and Payables Division Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41458.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**

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

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

## RESOLUTIONS

9.        [RES41459](#)     A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Professional Public Safety Management Association, retroactive to January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026.  
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41459.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**

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

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

10. [RES41460](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Tacoma Firefighters Union, Local 31, regarding a new classification entitled Fire Marshal.  
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41460.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**

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

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

11. [RES41461](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a financing arrangement with the Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center, in the amount of \$1,500,000 budgeted from the Urban Development Action Grant Fund, for the development and construction of a new facility to consolidate operations, expand services, and increase capacity and efficiency in the delivery of services.  
[Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to adopt Resolution No. 41461.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**

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

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

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

12. [ORD28972](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, to implement changes to non-represented classifications due to organizational need, to include rates of pay and classification changes to reflect the organizational structure.  
[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28971. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

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

## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

13. [ORD28973](#) 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 Professional Public Safety Managers Association, and the Tacoma Firefighters Union, Local 31, and a change to reflect the organizational structure.  
[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Shelby Fritz, Director, Human Resources]

**ACTION: Ordinance No. 28973 was set over for final reading next week.**

## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

14. [24-0651](#) This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed amendments to the City Charter.  
[Sonja Hallum, Chief Government Affairs Officer; Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

The public hearing began at at 6:55 p.m.

The City Clerk's office received 23 written comments for the public hearing.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Lyz Kurnitz Thurlow.
2. Gemini.
3. Eric Herde.
4. Ann Dorn.
5. Beverly Allen.

6. Sean Renning.
7. John Staub.
8. Sean Arent.
9. Haze Leviathan.
10. Heidi Stephens.
11. Catherine Lee.
12. Courtney Davis.
13. Devin Ryael Kelly.
14. Norma Ramirez.
15. Stacy Oaks.
16. Theresa Evans.
17. Zephyra.
18. Oneida Arnold.
19. Holden Whitson.
20. Rosemary Powers.
21. Gloria Baughman.
22. Daelin Cavanaugh.

The Council meeting recessed at 7:33 p.m., and reconvened at 7:59 p.m.

23. Talison Crosby.
24. Barb Church.
25. Kathy Lawhon.
26. Julie Andrzejewski.
27. Ellen Floyd.
28. Sally Perkins.
29. Latasha Palmer.
30. Marilyn Kimmerling.
31. Melissa Malott.
32. Vicky Stanich.
33. Ovunayo X.

The public hearing ended at 8:21 p.m.

### **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

The report was postponed to the July 9, 2024, meeting.

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Council Member Diaz stated that a new mural related to Pride Month and the “If It Hits the Ground, It Hits the Sound” environmental campaign is being installed on South 9th Street.

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- 15. [24-0691](#) Nomination of finalists for the City Council District No. 4 position.

Mayor Woodards discussed the process of nominating finalist applicants for the City Council District 4 position, for a term that expires December 31, 2025.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to suspend Subsection B.7 of Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the City Council to allow consideration of an application that was filed after the application deadline date and time.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**

**ACTION: Roll call vote was requested and taken. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 5 - Bushnell, Hines, Rumbaugh, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Nays:** 3 - Daniels, Diaz and Scott

Mayor Woodards called on Council Members share their top applicants and discussion ensued regarding their qualifications.

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The Council meeting recessed at 8:44 p.m., and reconvened at 8:54 p.m.

The applicants were listed in order of the number of selections each received, and discussion ensued regarding allowing for more than four finalists.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to suspend references to the number of applicants to be interviewed in Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the City Council to allow for more than 20 percent of the total number of applicants.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Scott

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**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Hines moved to approve the following list of nominated finalists for the Council District No. 4 position to be considered at the Tuesday, July 9, 2024, Council meeting for interviews no more than 15 minutes each in length:**

- 1. Jasmine Brown**
- 2. Silong Chhun**
- 3. Justin Everman**
- 4. Sandesh Sadalge**
- 5. Stephen Wamback**
- 6. Rick Talbert**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.**

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

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

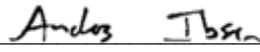
**Absent:** 1 - Scott

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Mayor Woodards wished everyone a happy upcoming Fourth of July holiday, noting that personal fireworks are illegal in the City, and that Summer Blast will take place on Thursday, July 4, 2024, on the Dune Peninsula and Ruston Way, starting at Noon, with fireworks at 10:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

  
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for Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

  
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Nicole Emery, City Clerk