



City of Tacoma

City Council Agenda

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

Council Chambers

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Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126

April 14, 2026

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [26-0269](#) Minutes of the Operational Strategy and Administrative Committee, February 27, 2026.
Attachments: [OSACMin20260227](#)
2. [26-0253](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, May 7, 2025.
Attachments: [PCMin20250507](#)
3. [26-0254](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, May 21, 2025.
Attachments: [PCMin20250521](#)
4. [26-0240](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, March 11, 2026.
Attachments: [PUBSSMin20260311](#)
5. [26-0241](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, March 11, 2026.
Attachments: [PUBMin20260311](#)

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

6. [26-0276](#) Minutes of the City Council study sessions, February 4, 2025, to May 20, 2025.
Attachments: [SSMin20250204-20250520JntMtg](#)
7. [26-0288](#) Minutes of the City Council meetings, February 4, 2025, to March 25, 2025; and special meeting, January 31, 2025.
Attachments: [CCMin20250204-20250325](#)
8. [26-0286](#) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole special meetings, January 10, 2025, and January 24, 2025.
Attachments: [COWMin20250110-20250124SpMtg](#)

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

9. [RES41882](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Fehr and Peers, in the amount of \$1,323,930, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for the Tacoma Interstate 5 Crossing Study - Specification No. PW25-0151F. [Basel Kitmitto, P.E., Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Interim Director, Public Works]
Attachments: [Resolution No. 41882](#)
[Contract and Award Memorandum](#)
[Map](#)
10. [RES41883](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Marten Law LLP, in the amount of \$500,000, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for an amendment to the Legal Services Agreement in matters related to the Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit, for a projected contract total of \$1,000,000, plus applicable taxes - Contract No. C3720. [Ramiro Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Environmental Services; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]
Attachments: [Resolution No. 41883](#)
[Contract and Award Memorandum](#)

RESOLUTIONS

11. [RES41884](#) A resolution acknowledging receipt of a Notice of Intention to Commence Annexation Proceedings received from the Heiberg family, for ten parcels of land located adjacent to the City in the Fife Heights Potential Annexation Area; and setting Tuesday, April 28, 2026, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public meeting by the City Council on said annexation.

[Wesley Rhodes, Senior Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

Attachments: [Resolution No. 41884](#)

[City Council Action Memorandum](#)

[Notice](#)

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

12. [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](#)

[Exhibits](#)

[Audio Recording of Public Hearing](#)

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

13. [ORD29102](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of the alley between East “M” Street and East “N” Street, and a portion of East “N” Street, both between Puyallup Avenue and East 25th Street, for expanded business use and to help alleviate public safety concerns.
(M & A Investments Three, LLC, M & A Investments Five, LLC, CCW Investments, LLC, and ITR Properties, LLC; File No. 124.1454)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]
- Attachments:** [Ordinance No. 29102](#)
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)
[Hearing Examiner's Report and Recommendation](#)
[Exhibits](#)
[Audio Record of Public Hearing](#)

PAYMENTS

14. [26-0268](#) Date Range - 03/09/2026 to 03/22/2026
Payroll in the amount of \$24,407,936.67; Payments in the amount of \$31,746,577.34; for a total of \$56,154,514.01.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. [26-0263](#) Proclaiming April 13-17, 2026, as Black Wellness Week.
16. [26-0261](#) Proclaiming April 12-18, 2026, as Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Week.
17. [26-0262](#) Proclaiming April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

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. 29095 and 29102. 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

APPOINTMENTS

18. [RES41885](#) A resolution appointing an individual to the Human Services Commission.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]
Attachments: [Resolution No. 41885](#)
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)
19. [RES41886](#) A resolution appointing an individual to the Urban Design Board.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]
Attachments: [Resolution No. 41886](#)
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

20. [RES41887](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Dobbs Peterbilt LLC, in the amount of \$4,337,480.56, plus a 10 percent contingency, budgeted from the Solid Waste Fund, for seven compressed natural gas automated side-loader refuse trucks to collect solid waste, recycling, and yard waste from residents, for a projected contract total of \$4,771,228.62, plus applicable taxes - Sourcewell Contract Nos. 032824-PMC and 110223-LEG.
[Lewis Griffith, P.E., Solid Waste Division Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Environmental Services]
Attachments: [Resolution No. 41887](#)
[Contract and Award Memorandum](#)

RESOLUTIONS

21. [RES41888](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters Local Union No. 117, Tacoma Venues and Events Unit, retroactive to January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028.
[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]
Attachments: [Resolution No. 41888](#)
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)
[Fiscal Impact Memorandum](#)
[Agreement](#)

- 22. [RES41889](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Clerical Unit, regarding a new classification of Safety Specialist.

[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

- Attachments:** [Resolution No. 41889](#)
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)
[Fiscal Impact Memorandum](#)
[Agreement](#)

- 23. [RES41890](#) A resolution transmitting a ballot measure to the Pierce County Auditor to be placed on the ballot for the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, which reads:

CITY OF TACOMA
 PROPOSITION 1
 FUNDING TRANSPORTATION SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

The Tacoma City Council adopted Connect Tacoma: Safe Streets and Sidewalks Resolution No. 41890 concerning increases in utility and property taxes for street improvements.

This measure funds safe streets, school routes, pothole repairs, paving, sidewalks, traffic safety, and neighborhood connections, by levying an additional 1.5% utility tax on natural gas, electric, phone utilities for 10 years beginning 2027; increasing the regular property tax levy for 10 years by \$0.20/\$1,000 to a maximum rate of \$1.78/\$1,000 assessed value for 2027 collections; using the 2027 levy amount to calculate subsequent levies through 2036 (RCW 84.55). Qualifying seniors and others are exempt (RCW 84.36.381).

Should this proposition be approved?

Approved..... []

Rejected..... []

[Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Interim Director, Public Works]

- Attachments:** [Resolution No. 41890](#)
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)

24. [RES41891](#) A resolution affirming that site reclamation should aim to activate and restore public spaces for community use to the best extent possible; and directing the City Manager to review past site reclamation efforts that utilized boulders to provide cost estimates for removal, site restoration, and boulder storage, as well as options for expanding general funding for future site reclamation without boulders.
[Council Members Scott and Walker]
- Attachments:** [Resolution No. 41891](#)
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)
[City Council Consideration Request](#)

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

25. [ORD29100](#) 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.
[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Linnaea Jablonski, Director, Human Resources]
- Attachments:** [Ordinance No. 29100](#)
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)
[Fiscal Impact Memorandum](#)
[Ordinance Disclosure Memorandum](#)
26. [ORD29101](#) An ordinance amending various sections of Titles 1, 2, and 3 of the Municipal Code, relating to Administration and Personnel, Building and Development Code, and Fire, to place appeals to building and fire codes under the authority of the Hearing Examiner, and to eliminate the Board of Building Appeals, effective April 28, 2026.
[Chris Seaman, Engineering Division Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]
- Attachments:** [Ordinance No. 29101](#)
[City Council Action Memorandum](#)
[Presentation](#)

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

27. [ORD29103](#) 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, Clerical Unit and the Teamsters Local Union No. 117, Tacoma Venues and Events Unit.

[Kari Louie, Assistant Director; Linnaea Jablonski, Director, Human Resources]

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 29103](#)

[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.

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REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council may enter into a closed or executive session at any time during an open public meeting as provided by law.

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