



City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers

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December 20, 2022

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodards called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Blocker 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 Blocker.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [22-1403](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, August 25, 2022.
2. [22-1406](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, September 8, 2022.
3. [22-1407](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, August 30, 2022.
4. [22-1408](#) Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, September 13, 2022.
5. [22-1412](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, November 16, 2022.
6. [22-1413](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, November 16, 2022.

7. [22-1414](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, November 2 and 3, 2022.
8. [22-1416](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Arts Commission, November 14, 2022.
9. [22-1415](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, November 7, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

10. [ORD28867](#) An ordinance vacating a portion of South Pine Street public right-of-way, for extended property area and potential expansion of the existing business use.
(LBA LVF VII-COMPANY XXIII, LLC; File No. 124.1438)
[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including first reading of Ordinance No. 28867.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to accept the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner for Ordinance No. 28867.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, and setting Ordinance No. 28867 over to a date to be determined. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. [22-1401](#) Recognizing Washington State Representative Steve Kirby.

Mayor Woodards recognized Washington State Representative Steve Kirby and presented the recognition and a key to the City to Representative Kirby.

12. [22-1402](#) Recognizing Dr. Priscilla Lisicich, Executive Director, Safe Streets.

Mayor Woodards recognized Dr. Priscilla Lisicich, Executive Director, Safe Streets Campaign, and presented the recognition to Dr. Lisicich.

13. [22-1400](#) Proclaiming Wednesday, December 21, 2022, as National Homeless Persons’ Memorial Day.

Mayor Woodards proclaimed Wednesday, December 21, 2022, as National Homeless Persons’ Memorial Day and presented the proclamation to Mike Yoder, Executive Director, Associated Ministries; and Ed Jacobs, Chaplin for West Pierce Fire and Rescue and Tacoma Fire Department, and Pastor of Nativity House.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 24, Resolution No. 41104, regarding the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of “Antisemitism” for the City of Tacoma, at this time.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 7 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 2 - Bushnell and Hines

24. [RES41104](#) A resolution adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of “Antisemitism” for the City of Tacoma, to serve as a tool to identify and combat antisemitism.
[Council Member Rumbaugh]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41104.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment began at 5:46 p.m.

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

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Rabbi Keren Gorban, speaking on Resolution No. 41104.
2. Rabbi Bruce Kadden, speaking on Resolution No. 41104.
3. Stacy Van Wagoner, speaking on Resolution No. 41104.
4. Ellen Peters, speaking on Resolution No. 41104.
5. Regina Friedland, speaking on Resolution No. 41104.
6. Jahim D., speaking on Resolution No. 41108.
7. Theresa Evans, speaking on Resolution No. 41104.
8. Les Pogue Jr., speaking on Resolution No. 41104 and the National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day proclamation.

Public Comment ended at 6:05 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

14. [RES41095](#) A resolution awarding a contract to DKS Associates, in the amount of \$1,410,078.19, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for design assistance on the Puyallup Avenue Transit/Complete Street Improvements project - Specification No. PW22-0018F.
[Charla Kinlow, Project Manager; Josh Diekmann, P.E. PTOE, Interim Director, Public Works]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41095.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

15. [RES41096](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Rosenbauer America, LLC, in the amount of \$2,764,000, plus applicable taxes, plus a 10 percent contingency, budgeted from the Fleet Equipment Rental Fund, for the purchase of three triple combination pumper fire engines, for an initial contract period of three years - Sourcewell Cooperative Contract No. 113021-RSD.
[Teresa Green, Fire Department Manager; Toryono Green, Fire Chief]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41096.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

16. [RES41097](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Utegration, LLC, in the amount of \$675,000, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Information Systems Fund, for consulting services to assist with the roadmap and planning the City’s upgrade/migration from its existing SAP ECC to SAP S/4 HANA, for an initial contract period of nine months - Direct Negotiation.
[Karen Estep, Supervisor; Daniel Key, Director, Information Technology]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41097.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

17. [RES41098](#) A resolution ratifying the original contract award of \$1,551,887.00, and authorizing an increase to the contract with McKinstry Essention, LLC, in the amount of \$689,772.96, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$2,241,659.96, budgeted from the Tacoma Dome Fund, for upgrade of the Tacoma Dome interior and exterior lighting systems - Port of Portland Contract 1158.
[Josh Kropf, Deputy Director; Adam Cook, Director, Tacoma Venues and Events]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41098.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

18. [RES41099](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Pierce County, Department of Assigned Counsel, in the amount of \$1,857,026, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$7,965,128, budgeted from the General Fund, for the provision of legal services for individuals who otherwise would not be able to afford them -
Contract No. CW2233487.
[Katie Johnston, Budget Officer; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41099.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Bushnell

RESOLUTIONS

19. [RES41093](#) This is the second reading of a resolution amending various rules of the *Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma*, to clarify remote participation in meetings; add duties and expectations for members; revise the agenda order of business and Consent Agenda; update public comment and public forum periods; revise the Council Member vacancy appointment process; and provide minor revisions throughout for clarity, consistency, and gender-neutral language.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

20. [RES41100](#) A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the sale of approximately 22.07 acres of Tacoma Water property, located in the Federal Way vicinity of unincorporated King County, to King County, for the amount of \$4,000,000.
[Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer; Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41100.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

21. [RES41101](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with 111X Pacific, LLC, for the development of 63 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 1117, 1119, and 1123 Pacific Avenue, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41101.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

22. [RES41102](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with 725 Broadway, LLC, for the development of 129 multi-family market-rate rental housing units, located at 725 Broadway, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41102.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

23. [RES41103](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Pierce County, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, budgeted from the General Fund, to extend the jail services agreement for six months, effective January 1, 2023, through July 1, 2023.
[Chris Bacha, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41103.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

24. [RES41104](#) A resolution adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of “Antisemitism” for the City of Tacoma, to serve as a tool to identify and combat antisemitism.
[Council Member Rumbaugh]

Resolution No. 41104 was considered earlier in the meeting.

25. [RES41105](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$35,000, for the restoration of the street clock on Broadway in Downtown Tacoma.
[Council Member Rumbaugh]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41105.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

26. [RES41106](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$10,000, to provide education and outreach for the Links to Opportunity project during the construction phase.
[Council Member Daniels]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41106.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

27. [RES41107](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$20,000, to support the Tacoma Community House in assisting Ukrainian refugees with direct client specific assistance for essential needs and programs.
[Deputy Mayor Ushka]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41107.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

28. [RES41108](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$10,000, to support the implementation of a faith community audit.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41108.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

29. [RES41109](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$20,000, to support the convening of community conversations on homelessness in partnership with the University of Washington Tacoma.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41109.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

30. [RES41110](#) A resolution approving the cancellation of the following six regular City Council meetings in 2023: January 17, March 28, May 30, July 5, September 5, and December 26.
[Mayor Woodards]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to adopt Resolution No. 41110.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

31. [ORD28864](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.06 of the Municipal Code, relating to Administration, by adding a new Section 1.06.2702, entitled “Compost Procurement”, for organic material management, effective January 2, 2023.
[Kristi Lynett, Sustainability Officer; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28864.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

32. [ORD28865](#) An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 22858, regarding the Low Income Assistance Fund, to allow the fund to be utilized for bill assistance for qualifying customers of all utilities.
[Francine Artis, Interim Customer Service Manager; Jackie Flowers, Director, Tacoma Public Utilities]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28865.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

33. [ORD28866](#) An ordinance amending various sections in Title 1 of the Municipal Code, relating to Administration and Personnel, to codify the Office of Equity and Human Rights as an office; and adding transformation of the City into an anti-racist institution to the official duties of the City Manager.
[Council Member Blocker]

ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28866.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Acting City Manager Kurtis Kingsolver expressed appreciation to the Mayor and Council Members for their support of City staff over the past year, and appreciation to the City's directors, managers, the City Clerk, and their teams.

Mayor Woodards shared that there was an employee breakfast on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, where City employees were served breakfast by Council Members, City directors, and assistant directors; and expressed appreciation to the City Manager Elizabeth Pauli and all of the City employees.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Community Vitality and Safety Committee

Deputy Mayor Ushka, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, reported at the December 8, 2022, meeting the Committee received a presentation on the Community's Police Advisory Committees' oversight models, community outreach feedback, and end-of-year report; and the December 22, 2022, meeting is cancelled. She concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on January 12, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., and will include elections for the Committee Chair and Vice Chair and a presentation on 2023-2024 General Fund funding recommendations.

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Council Member Rumbaugh announced that Alhambra State House is holding a winter food pick up event on Friday, December 23, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., located at 1111 Tacoma Avenue South; and there is a request for volunteers to hand out the food, noting information on how to volunteer can be provided by contacting Council Member Rumbaugh by email at srumbaugh@cityoftacoma.org.

Deputy Mayor Ushka announced her completion of cancer treatment and expressed her gratitude to the Council Members and the community for their support.

Mayor Woodards reminded everyone that the Tuesday, December 27, 2022, City Council study session and business meeting have been cancelled; that the next regularly scheduled City Council study session and business meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023; and wished everyone happy holidays.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to excuse Council Member Bushnell from the meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 8 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Ushka, Walker and Mayor Woodards

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

ADJOURNMENT

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk